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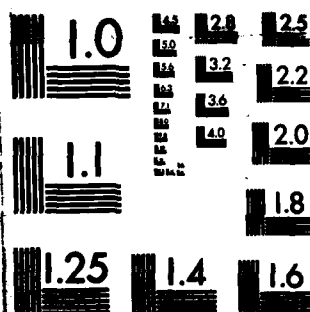
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Dear Governor King:

Inclosed is a copy of the Lee Pond Dam (MA-00891) Phase I Inspection Report, prepared under the National Program for Inspection of Non-Federal Dams. This report is based upon a visual inspection, a review of the past performance and a brief hydrological study of the dam. I approve the report and support the findings and recommendations described in Section 7 and ask that you keep me informed of the actions taken to implement them. This follow-up action is vitally important.

Copies of this report have been forwarded to the Department of Environmental Quality Engineering, and to the owners, Mr. & Mrs. William Mahlerwein and Mr. & Mrs. J. Carlos Maciel. Copies will be available to the public in thirty days.

I wish to thank you and the Department of Environmental Quality Engineering for your cooperation in this program.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM E. HODGSON, JR.  
Colonel, Corps of Engineers  
Acting Commander and Acting Division Engineer

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as stated

LEE POND DAM

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IDENTIFICATION NO.: MA 00891  
NAME OF DAM : LEE POND DAM  
TOWN : UXBRIDGE  
COUNTY AND STATE : WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS  
STREAM : EMERSON BROOK  
DATE OF INSPECTION: DECEMBER 11 & 22, 1980

BRIEF ASSESSMENT

The Lee Pond Dam consists of an earthen embankment with a natural spillway and a vertical stone masonry wall along two short sections of the downstream face. The embankment has a minimum top width of 15 ft. and a maximum height of 25 ft. The overall length of the dam is 870 ft., including the natural spillway at the right end of the dam which is about 15 ft. wide at normal pool elevation. The outlet works consist of an inoperable sluice gate located about 250 ft. from the left end of the dam. The dam impounds Lee Pond, which is used for recreational purposes. Maximum storage capacity at the top of dam is 220 acre-feet.

Based on visual inspection and a review of all available pertinent data, the dam is considered to be in poor condition.

- Features that could effect the structural integrity of the dam are seepage at the downstream toe of the dam, erosion and slumping of dam slopes, extensive tree growth on the dam slopes and animal burrows on the crest and downstream face.

Based on the Corps of Engineers' Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams, the dam is classified as "Small" in size, with a "Significant" hazard potential. A Test Flood which approximated the 100 year Flood was selected in accordance with the Corps of Engineers' guidelines. The calculated test flood inflow of about 660 cfs results in a routed outflow of about 650 cfs. The spillway passes 100% of the test flood outflow with a freeboard of about 3 ft.

Recommendations include that the owner engage the services of a qualified registered engineer to specify and oversee the removal of trees and root systems on the embankment, investigate the cause of wet areas at the toe of the dam embankment and design, oversee construction of erosion protection for the upstream face and crest of the dam, and provide a means to lower the reservoir level in case of an emergency.

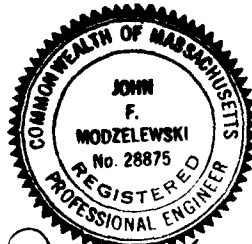
Technical inspections by a qualified, registered engineer should be performed every year, monthly visual inspections should be performed by the owners' personnel. A formal downstream warning



system should be put into effect.

The owner should implement the recommendations and remedial measures as described herein and in greater detail in Section 7 of this Report within 1 year after receipt of this Phase 1 Inspection Report.

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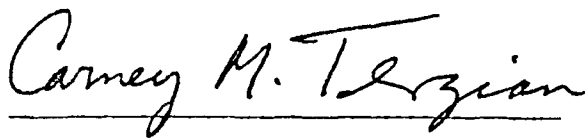
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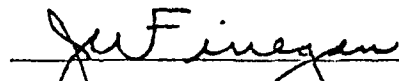
This Phase I Inspection Report on Lee Pond Dam (MA-00891) has been reviewed by the undersigned Review Board members. In our opinion, the reported findings, conclusions, and recommendations are consistent with the Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams, and with good engineering judgement and practice, and is hereby submitted for approval.



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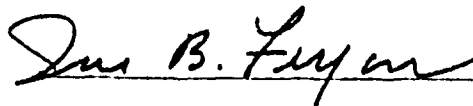


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## PREFACE

This report is prepared under guidance contained in the Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams, for Phase 1 Investigations. Copies of these guidelines may be obtained from the Office of Chief of Engineers, Washington, D.C. 20314. The purpose of a Phase 1 Investigation is to identify expeditiously those dams which may pose hazards to human life or property. The assessment of the general condition of the dam is based upon available data and visual inspection. Detailed investigation, and analyses involving topographic mapping, subsurface investigations, testing, and detailed computational evaluations are beyond the scope of a Phase 1 investigation; however, the investigation is intended to identify any need for such studies.

In reviewing this report, it should be realized that the reported condition of the dam is based on observations of field conditions at the time of inspection along with data available to the inspection team. In cases where the reservoir was lowered or drained prior to inspection, such action, while improving the stability and safety of the dam, removes the normal load on the structure and may obscure certain conditions which might otherwise be detectable if inspected under the normal operating environment of the structure.

It is important to note that the condition of a dam depends on numerous and constantly changing internal and external conditions, and is evolutionary in nature. It would be incorrect

to assume that the present condition of the dam will continue to represent the condition of the dam at some point in the future. Only through continued care and inspection can there be any chance that unsafe conditions be detected.

Phase 1 inspections are not intended to provide detailed hydrologic and hydraulic analyses. In accordance with established Guidelines, the Spillway Test flood is based on the estimated "Probable Maximum Flood" for the region (greatest reasonably possible storm runoff), or fractions thereof. Because of the magnitude and rarity of such a storm event, a finding that a spillway will not pass the test flood should not be interpreted as necessarily posing a highly inadequate condition. The test flood provides a measure of relative spillway capacity and serves as an aide in determining the need for more detailed hydrologic and hydraulic studies, considering the size of the dam, its general condition and the downstream damage potential.

The Phase 1 Investigation does not include an assessment of the need for fences, gates, no-trespassing signs, repairs to existing fences and railings and other items which may be needed to minimize trespass and provide greater security for the facility and safety to the public. An evaluation of the project for compliance with OSHA rules and regulations is also excluded.

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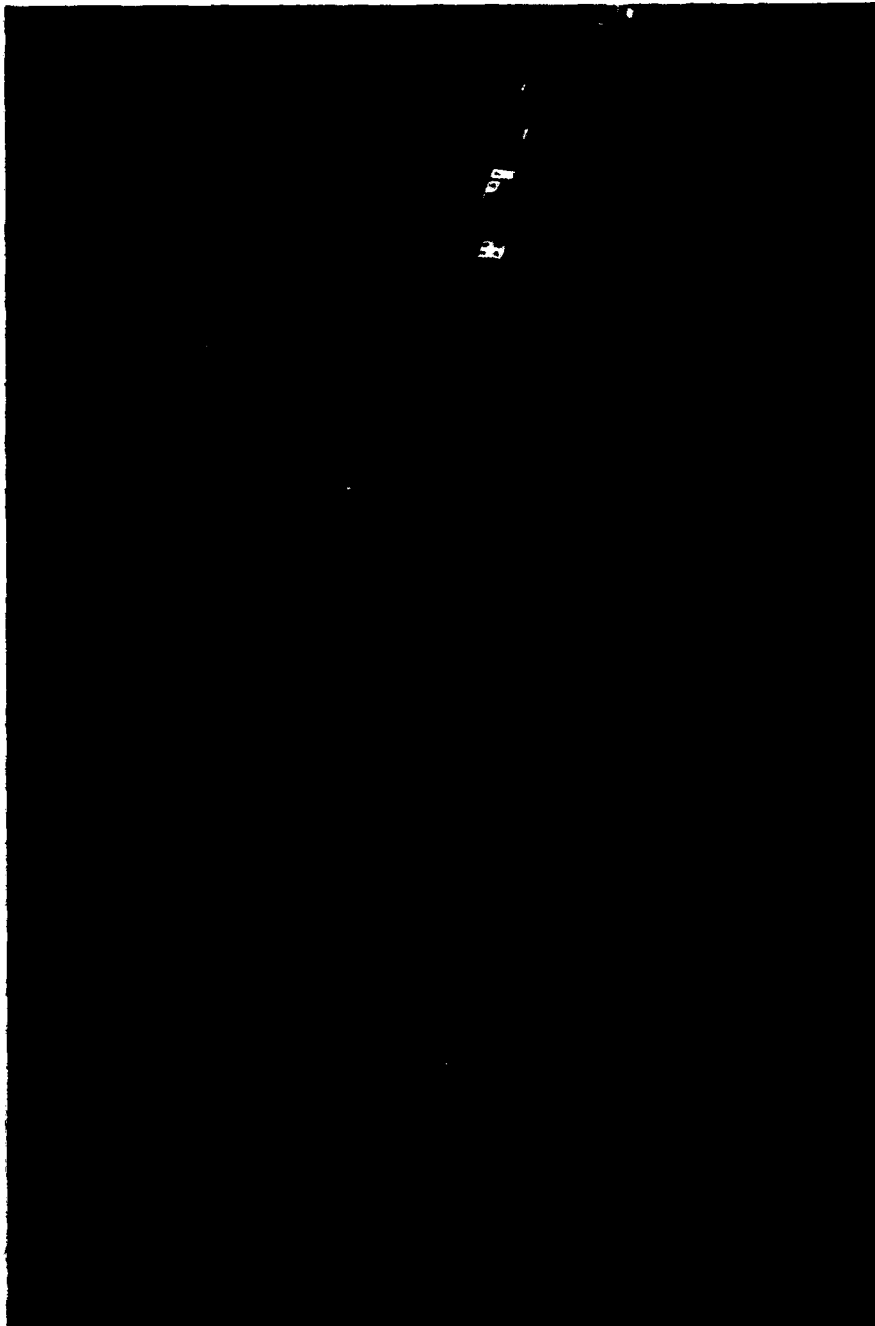
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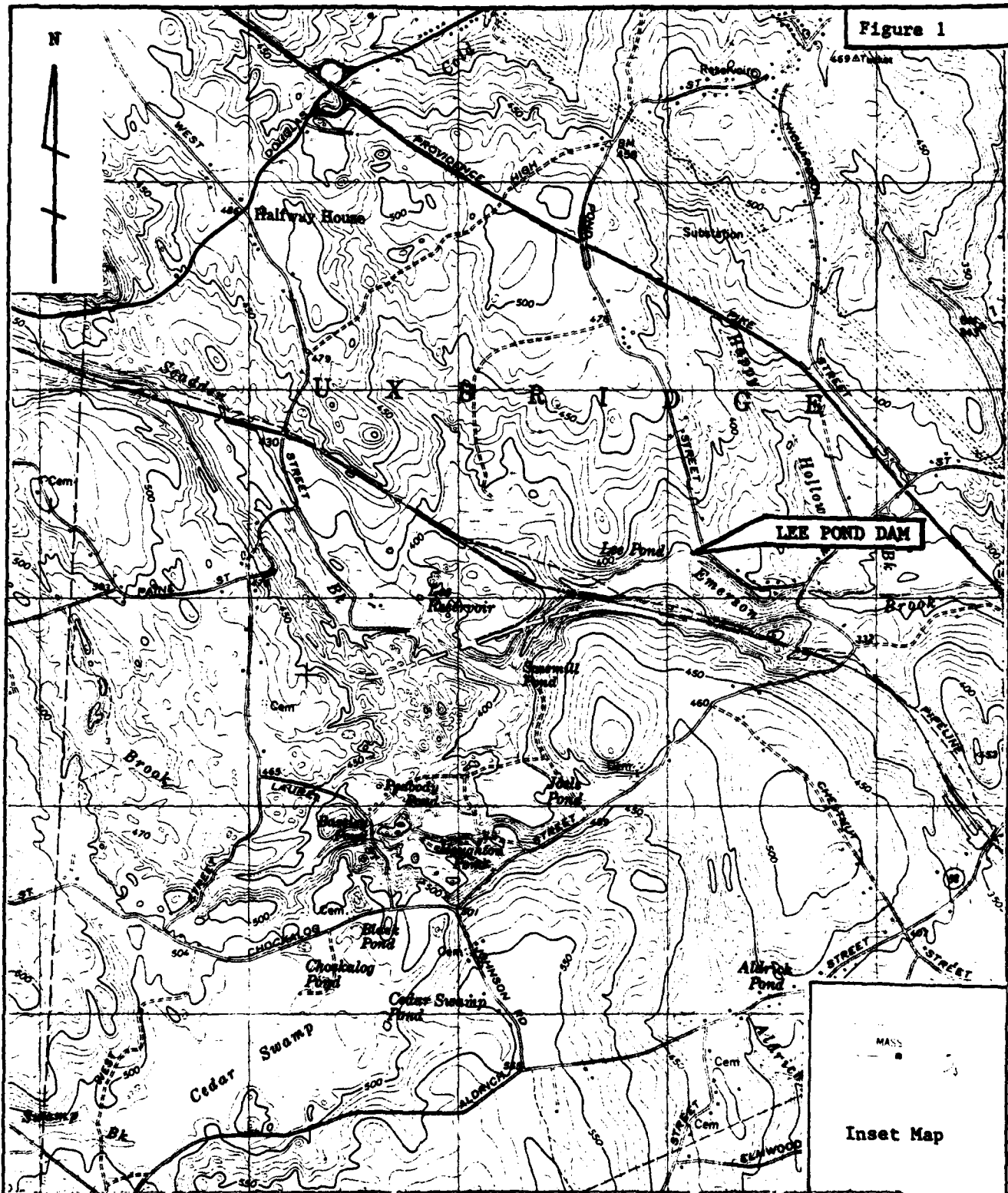
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Figure 1



LOCATION PLAN

LEE POND DAM  
UXBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

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# NATIONAL DAM INSPECTION PROGRAM

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### PROJECT INFORMATION

#### SECTION 1

##### 1.1 GENERAL

###### a. AUTHORITY

Public Law 92-367, August 8, 1972, authorized the Secretary of the Army, through the Corps of Engineers, to initiate a National Program of Dam Inspection throughout the United States. The New England Division of the Corps of Engineers has been assigned the responsibility of supervising the inspection of dams within the New England Region. ASEC Corporation has been retained by the New England Division to inspect and report on selected dams in the state of Massachusetts. Authorization and notice to proceed were issued to ASEC Corporation under a letter of December 8, 1980, from William E. Hodgson, Colonel, Corps of Engineers. Contract No. DACW33-81-C-0023 has been assigned by the Corps of Engineers for this work.

###### b. PURPOSE OF INSPECTION

The purposes of the program are to:

- I. Perform technical inspection and evaluation of non-federal dams to identify conditions requiring correction in a timely manner by non-federal interests.

II. Encourage and prepare the States to quickly initiate effective dam inspection programs for non-federal dams.

III. To update, verify and complete the National Inventory of Dams.

#### 1.2 DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

##### a. LOCATION

The dam, which impounds Lee Pond, is located on Emerson Brook in Uxbridge, Massachusetts approximately one mile upstream of the Route 146 bridge crossing of Emerson Brook and two miles upstream of the confluence with the Blackstone River. The dam is shown on the Uxbridge Quadrangle Map having coordinates latitude  $42^{\circ}-02.8'$  and longitude  $71^{\circ}-38.6'$  (See Figure 1).

##### b. DESCRIPTION OF DAM AND APPURTENANT STRUCTURES

The dam is an earthen embankment with a natural spillway and a vertical stone masonry wall along two short sections of the downstream face. The earth slopes of the dam are approximately 2H : 1V on the upstream slope and vary from 1H : 1V to 2H : 1V on the downstream slopes. The embankment has a maximum height of 25 ft. The top width of the crest varies to a minimum width of 15 ft. The overall length of the dam is 870 ft. Discharge at the dam site is through a natural stream channel outlet of variable cross section at the right end of the dam. This channel is about 15 ft. wide at normal pool elevation. There is also a 3 ft. x 3 ft. sluice gate at the mill site located about 250 ft. from the left end of the dam, however this gate is closed and inoperable. The outlet for this gate is a stone conduit which passes under the mill building. A sketch plan of the dam is included in Appendix B page B - 1.

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c. SIZE CLASSIFICATION - "Small"

According to the Corps of Engineers' Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams, a dam is classified as "Small" in size if the height is between 25 and 40 feet, or the dam impounds between 50 and 1000 acre-feet. The dam has a maximum height of approximately 25 ft. and a maximum storage capacity of 216 acre-feet. Therefore the dam is classified as small in size based on storage capacity and size.

d. HAZARD CLASSIFICATION - "Significant"

Based on the Corps of Engineers' Recommended Guidelines for the Safety Inspection of Dams, the Hazard Classification for the dam is "Significant". The dam is classified as a "Significant" Hazard Potential structure because it is located in a predominantly rural area where failure may damage the mill building on the downstream slope of the dam, a structure which appears to be inhabited on a seasonal basis. See Appendix D for failure analysis.

e. OWNERSHIP

Former Owner	:	Vasil & Bessie Cristo
Present Owner	:	William & Faith Mahlerwein
		& J. Carlos & Lynn Maciel
		P.O. Box 89
		Pond Street
		Uxbridge, MA 01569
		(401) 762-1800 (Rhode Island Office)

f. OPERATOR

Same as above

However dam is not operated

g. PURPOSE OF DAM

The dam impounds Lee Pond which is presently used exclusively by the owners for recreational purposes.

h. DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION HISTORY

The precise history of this dam is unknown, but it apparently was constructed in the nineteenth century for the purposes of providing water power for a textile mill. Design plans for the original dam are not known to exist. No "As-built Plans" or other construction data are known to exist. A tracing of an undated plan entitled "Lee Dam 2 of 4" was found at the Worcester County Engineers office. According to the tracing, the plan was approved by the county commissioners in 1880. Other county records indicate that a dam existed on the site prior to 1858. Records at the county commissioners office indicate David M. Lee to be the designer and 1880 as the year of construction.

i. NORMAL OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES

There are no operating procedures at the dam, since there are presently no operable mechanisms. The sluice gate lifting mechanism has been dismantled to prevent vandals from operating the gate.

### 1.3 PERTINENT DATA

#### a. DRAINAGE AREA

The drainage area above the dam is about 5.6 square miles ranging in elevation from 340 ft.<sub>±</sub> to 630 ft.<sub>±</sub> NGVD. The watershed is characterized as sparsely settled land, mostly wooded, with numerous swamps and ponds throughout the watershed. Sawmill Pond, just upstream of Lee Pond, is formed at the confluence of the two major streams draining the watershed, Scadden Brook and Laurel Brook.

#### b. DISCHARGE AT DAMSITE

The discharge at the dam site is through a natural stream channel outlet at the right end of the dam. There is also a sluice gate at the mill site near the left end of the structure, however this gate is closed and inoperable.

NGVD = National Geodetic Vertical Datum

- |   |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| 1. Outlet Works (conduit) Size:                                       | Inoperable Sluice Gate     |
| 2. Maximum Known Flood at Damsite:                                    | Unknown                    |
| 3. Ungated Spillway Capacity<br>at Top of Dam<br>Elevation:           | 3400 cfs<br>348.0 ft. NGVD |
| 4. Ungated Spillway Capacity<br>at Test Flood Elevation<br>Elevation: | 650 cfs<br>345.0 ft. NGVD  |
| 5. Gated Spillway Capacity<br>at Normal Pool Elevation<br>Elevation:  | Not applicable             |
| 6. Gated Spillway Capacity<br>at Test Flood Elevation<br>Elevation:   | Not applicable             |
| 7. Total Spillway Capacity<br>at Test Flood Elevation<br>Elevation:   | 650 cfs<br>345.0           |

8. Total Project Discharge  
at top of Dam: 3400 cfs  
Elevation: 348.0 ft.
9. Total Project Discharge  
at Test Flood Elevation: 650 cfs  
Elevation: 345.0 ft.

c. ELEVATION - Feet above National Geodetic Vertical Datum

- |                                     |         |
|-------------------------------------|---------|
| 1. Streambed at toe of dam          | 323 ±   |
| 2. Bottom of Cutoff                 | N/A     |
| 3. Maximum Tailwater                | Unknown |
| 4. Normal Pool                      | 344     |
| 5. Full Flood Control Pool          | N/A     |
| 6. Spillway crest                   | 342     |
| 7. Design Surcharge-Original Design | Unknown |
| 8. Top of Dam                       | 348     |
| 9. Test Flood Surcharge             | 345     |

d. RESERVOIR - Length in feet

- |                        |      |
|------------------------|------|
| 1. Normal Pool         | 1700 |
| 2. Flood Control Pool  | N/A  |
| 3. Spillway Crest Pool | 1700 |
| 4. Top of Dam          | 2700 |
| 5. Test Flood Pool     | 2000 |

e. STORAGE - Acre-feet

- |                       |     |
|-----------------------|-----|
| 1. Normal pool        | 160 |
| 2. Flood control pool | N/A |

3. Spillway crest pool	160
4. Top of Dam	220
5. Test Flood Pool	170
f. RESERVOIR SURFACE - (Acres)	
1. Normal Pool	11
2. Flood Control Pool	N/A
3. Spillway crest	11
4. Test Flood Pool	13
5. Top of Dam	17
g. DAM	
1. Type	Earth embankment
2. Length	870 feet
3. Height	25 feet
4. Top Width	Varies 15 ft. minimum
5. Side slopes	
Upstream	Approx. 2 H to 1 V
Downstream	Varies; 2 H to 1 V to 1 H to 1 V
6. Zoning	Unknown
7. Impervious Core	Unknown
8. Cutoff	Unknown
9. Grout curtain	Unknown
10. Other	N/A



h. DIVERSION AND REGULATING TUNNEL N/A

i. SPILLWAY

1. Type	Natural stream channel
2. Length of Weir	15+ ft. at normal pool
3. Crest	Approx. El. 342.0 NGVD
4. Gates	None
5. Upstream channel	Not observed
6. Downstream channel	Natural

j. REGULATING OUTLETS

1. Invert	Approx. El. 341 ft NGVD*
2. Size	3 ft. x 3 ft. gate
3. Description	Wood sluice gate
4. Control Mechanism	Wood sluice gate presently inoperable

\* Not observed in field, elevation taken from record information

5. Other

Outlet has been  
apparently closed  
some flow 1 cfs +  
noted at downstream  
outlet

## ENGINEERING DATA

### SECTION 2

#### 2.1 DESIGN DATA

There was no design data available for review for this dam. Inspection reports of the dam prepared by Worcester County Commissioners were reviewed. An 1880 plan of the dam is on file at the Worcester County Engineers office. It is questionable that this plan reflects accurately the construction of the dam. The data above is included in Appendix B of this report.

#### 2.2 CONSTRUCTION DATA

No construction data was available for review. The name of the contractor responsible for construction is unknown.

#### 2.3 OPERATIONAL DATA

There is no operational data available for this dam.

#### 2.4 EVALUATION OF DATA

##### a. AVAILABILITY

Data reviewed was provided by the Worcester County Commissioners. A list of the data available and its location is included in Appendix B of this report.

##### b. ADEQUACY

The lack of depth of engineering data did not allow for a definitive review. Therefore, the adequacy of this dam could not be assessed from the standpoint of reviewing design and construction data, but is based primarily on visual inspection, past performance history, hydraulic and hydrologic calculations

and sound engineering judgment.

c. VALIDITY

The design plans reviewed did not accurately depict the visible portions of the dam and were not used in assessing the safety of the dam.

## VISUAL INSPECTION

### SECTION 3

#### 3.1 FINDINGS

##### a. GENERAL

The visual inspection of the dam was conducted on December 11 and 22, 1980. At the December 11, 1980 inspection, the water level was about 4 ft. below the crest of the dam. At the December 22, 1980 inspection, the water level of the dam was approximately 5 ft. below the crest of the dam. The general condition of the dam at the time of inspection was poor.

##### b. DAM

The dam is an earthen embankment with a natural spillway and a vertical stone masonry wall along two short sections of the downstream face.

The crest is generally about 17 ft. wide and contains a bare path with scattered patches of grass (Photo # 1). Tree roots up to 3 inches in diameter are exposed at many locations along the crest. Many trees with diameters to 32 inches grow along the upstream and downstream edges of the crest, and some tree stumps to 17 inches were also observed along the edge. In an area about 200 ft. left of the spillway, along the upstream edge, a tire rut is inordinately deep for about 100 ft. This may be indicative of a past rotational slump of the upstream face in this area (See Photo #1 and sketch plan in Appendix B, page B-1). Five holes, which may be animal burrows, were observed at different points along the

crest. The holes ranged in diameter from 14 inches to 29 inches and in depth from 6 to 16 inches. Portions of the crest surface are highly irregular and minor erosion was observed in several places.

The upstream face of the dam ranges in slope from relatively flat and irregular near the right and left abutments to near-vertical in areas due to steepening by wave action. The upstream face was mostly under water; the difference in elevation between the level of the reservoir and the crest of the dam ranged up to about 4 ft. Vegetation along the upstream face varies in type and density but generally consists of saplings and trees to 15 inches diameter, brush, grasses, moss, scattered tree stumps to 20 inches diameter, occasional exposed tree roots, and accumulations of leaves, branches and vegetative debris. Sparse cobble and boulder slope protection was observed in some areas; most of the upstream face is unprotected by riprap which has led to oversteepening, slumping, and erosion at many points along the face.

The slope of the downstream face ranges from 2 H : 1 V to 1 H : 1.5 V and averages about 1 H : 1 V (Photo # 2). Two sections of the downstream face consist of vertical, unmortared stone walls 100 ft. and 20 ft. long and approximately 10 ft. high (Photo # 3). Some blocks in the walls have fallen out or have been displaced in a downstream direction. A small amount of seepage, estimated to be 1 - 2 gpm, was observed flowing from the 20 ft. section of wall near the mill structure (Photo # 4). The seepage was clear with no visible evidence of fines. The slope is moderately to densely

wooded with trees to 22 inches diameter; several tree stumps were observed along the face. Other vegetation includes scattered areas of light to dense brush, moss, occasional grassy areas, and vegetative debris. Many boulders are scattered along the toe of the slope in varying groupings. These boulders may have been dumped to form a type of toe berm, or may have been pushed to the side during emplacement of the earthen dam. Minor erosion and slumping were observed along the downstream face. Several holes, ranging in diameter from 13 to 19 inches and in depth from 14 to 24 inches were observed 2 to 5 ft. down from the edge of the crest. The flat area beyond the toe of the downstream slope is generally wet and spongy along most of the toe of the dam; in one area about 50 ft. wide by 75 ft. long, water has ponded to a depth of approximately 5 inches (Photo # 5).

The right abutment is a natural earth channel which has been intersected by a natural stream which serves as a spillway. Water was flowing through the natural stream course. The left abutment consists of a dirt road which is adjacent to a natural earth slope.

#### C. APPURTENANT STRUCTURES

A stream at the right abutment forms a natural spillway for the dam (Photo #6). An outlet structure containing an inoperable sluice gate is located on the upstream side of the crest opposite the mill building. The gate appeared closed at the time of inspection. Minor erosion has occurred at the stone masonry entrance to this outlet. The wing walls for this outlet are of stone masonry and are in poor condition (Photo #7). A flow of about 1 cfs was noted at the downstream end of the flume for this outlet.

#### d. RESERVOIR AREA

The banks of the reservoir in the vicinity of the dam appeared in stable condition.

#### e. DOWNSTREAM CHANNEL

The natural stream spillway channel is partially blocked with logs, branches, leaves and other debris. The streambed and banks are formed by natural materials, including soils, boulders and bedrock (Photo # 6). The banks are generally oversteepened and rise no higher than approximately 1.5 ft. The flume for the outlet structure passes under the old mill structure which is partially collapsed, exits in back of the mill, disappears underground in an apparent stone conduit, and reappears as a natural stream channel about 125 ft. downstream of the mill. The observed portion of the conduit under the mill was constructed of stone.

### 3.2 EVALUATION

Based on the visual inspection, the dam appears to be in poor condition. The future integrity of the dam can be affected by the following:

Trees and brush are growing on the upstream and downstream faces of the dam and along the crest. Tree stumps occur along the upstream edge of the crest and the downstream face. These features can contribute to seepage problems if one of the tree clusters blows over and pulls out its roots or if the roots rot.



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The upstream face has been eroded and oversteepened by wave action; minor erosion and slumping are occurring at many points along the crest and upstream and downstream faces. One area along the crest, the area of the deep tire rut, has the appearance of being a back scarp for a possible large rotational slump of the upstream face. All of these factors may affect the long term stability of the slope.

Depressions which appear to be animal burrows were observed at several locations on the crest and downstream face. These could lead to seepage and piping if not properly backfilled with appropriate materials.

Seepage was observed flowing from the base of a 20 ft. section of wall near the mill structure, seepage may also be occurring along the toe of the downstream face as evidenced by wet spongy areas and ponding water. This suggests that the line of seepage through the dam may exit at or near the toe of the slope, a condition which could lead to a piping failure of the embankment if the embankment soils are susceptible to piping.

The inoperable sluice gate and flume appeared to be leaking at the time of inspection, if not properly maintained and inspected the flume will provide a path along which interior erosion of the dam may take place.

Debris has accumulated on the natural spillway along the right side of the dam. This lowers the hydraulic capacity of the spillway.

## OPERATIONAL AND MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES

### SECTION 4

#### 4.1 OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES

##### a. GENERAL

The dam is used for recreational purposes by its owners. There is no regulation of the level of the reservoir since the outlet sluice gate is inoperable. Water level of the reservoir varies in accordance with the stage-discharge characteristics of the natural spillway on the right end of the dam.

Inspection reports of the dam were prepared by Worcester County Commissioners 3/26/24 and 5/14/63. An 1880 plan of the dam is on file at the Worcester County Engineers office. It is questionable that this plan reflects accurately the construction of the dam. The data above is included in Appendix B of this report.

##### b. DESCRIPTION OF ANY WARNING SYSTEM IN EFFECT

There is no formal warning system in effect at this dam.

#### 4.2 MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES

##### a. GENERAL

There are no known maintenance procedures followed for this dam.

##### b. OPERATING FACILITIES

The sluice gate was the only operable portion of this dam requiring maintenance. It is no longer in operation.

#### 4.3 EVALUATION

Procedures should be established to inspect and maintain the dam. Visual inspections by the owners' personnel should be conducted on a monthly basis. These inspections should include the dam embankments, monitoring of leakage at the sluice gate and monitoring areas of possible seepage as noted in Section 3 of this report. In addition the dam should be inspected once a year by a qualified, registered engineer.

At present there is no means of lowering the water level of the reservoir. A means to lower this water level should be provided in cases of emergency and so that the abandoned sluice gate and flume may be inspected and repaired if necessary.

Procedures should be established to include a warning system: the dam should be monitored during periods of exceptionally heavy rainfall and a formal procedure for notifying downstream authorities should be prepared in the event of an emergency.

## EVALUATION OF HYDRAULIC/HYDROLOGIC FEATURES

### SECTION 5

#### 5.1 GENERAL

Lee Pond Dam is located on Emerson Brook in Uxbridge, Massachusetts approximately one mile upstream of the Route 146 bridge crossing of Emerson Brook and two miles upstream of the confluence with the Blackstone River. The drainage area above the dam is 5.6 square miles. Sparsely settled land ranging in elevation from El.340 ft.+ to El.630 ft.+ NGVD characterizes this watershed. The land is mostly wooded with numerous swamps and ponds. Sawmill Pond, just upstream of Lee Pond, is formed at the confluence of the two major streams draining the watershed, Scadden Brook and Laurel Brook.

The top of the dam is approximately at El 348 ft. NGVD. There is an abandoned and blocked outlet near the left end of the dam. Outflow is through a natural stream channel at the right end of the dam.

#### 5.2 DESIGN DATA

No design data or hydrologic/hydraulic data were available for review.

#### 5.3 EXPERIENCE DATA

No data was available on past flooding experience or overtopping of the dam.

#### 5.4 TEST FLOOD ANALYSIS

Based on the Corps of Engineers' Recommended Guidelines for Safety Inspection of Dams, the size of the dam is small. The dam

has approximately 220 acre-feet of storage and the dam failure analysis indicates the hazard potential is significant.

Based on the Corps of Engineers' guidelines, the Test Flood should be in the range of a 100 yr. to 1/2 Probable Maximum Flood (PMF). Since the size of the dam is on the low end of its classification, a test flood equal to the 100 yr. flood was selected and calculated using the USGS regional equations for Eastern Massachusetts. The peak inflow to the pond is calculated to be about 660 cfs or 120 $\pm$  cfs per sq. mi. Stage-storage calculations were made by measuring surface areas from USGS topographic maps. The normal pond elevation was assumed to be El. 344 ft. NGVD or about 4 ft. below the top of the dam. The test flood was routed through Lee Pond using techniques from the Corps of Engineers guidelines. An outflow of about 650 cfs was obtained. This outflow gives a Test Flood elevation of 345.0 ft. NGVD and is passed by the natural spillway with a freeboard of approximately 3 ft. The spillway capacity is therefore judged to be adequate.

#### 5.5 DAM FAILURE ANALYSIS

A dam failure analysis was made using the "Rule of Thumb Guidance" provided by the Corps of Engineers. Failure was assumed with water level at the top of the dam, elevation 348 ft. NGVD. The total outflow at assumed failure, with a dam length of 450 ft. and dam height of 25 ft. is about 41,000 cfs. The width of breach was assumed to be 180 ft. The only structure affected by the failure is the mill building. This building would be washed away by the assumed dam failure. There are no other buildings in the downstream area which would be affected by the dam failure.

Two roadways would be subject to overtopping by the dam failure. Mill Street crosses Emerson Brook approximately 2200 ft. downstream of the dam, causing backwater upstream of the roadway embankment during times of high flow. Mill Street would receive major damage. Route 146 crosses Emerson Brook approximately one mile downstream of the dam and is also subject to overtopping. Route 146 would receive some damage due to overtopping. Downstream of Route 146, Emerson Brook runs for approximately one more mile to the Blackstone River. Damage to this downstream area would be minimal as there is little development in the floodplain.

Table 1 summarizes the effects of the assumed dam failure. On the basis of this assumed failure the dam is classified as a "Significant" hazard potential: a breach of the dam may potentially cause the loss of a few lives and appreciable economic loss. A breach of the dam may wash away the mill building, a structure that appears to be inhabited on a seasonal basis, and overtop two roadways.

The dam breach calculations and a description of potential flooding are shown in Appendix D.

table below summarizes the downstream effects of failure of Lee Pond Dam:

Station No. (Map)	Distance D/S of Dam (ft.)	Number of Structures	Level Above Stream (ft.)	Flow (cfs) Stage (ft. above stream)		Comments
				Before Failure	After Failure	
	50	1 old mill building	4-5	3419/2.9'	37830/11.4'	Major damage to old mill building on dam embankment. Minor danger of loss of life
1059-		1 house	30	3419/9.2'	25515/17.6'	
2036-2359		road	15	3419/16.6'	18817/22.7'	Major damage. Probable wash out.
2359-		1 house	20	3419/5.2'	18379/11.8'	
3542-				3419/3.0'	15771/6.7'	
5213-5686		road	13	3419/5.4	11039/14.7'	Some damage. Possible wash-out.
5686-				3419/4.8	10738/9.0'	

Table 1 - Summary of Downstream Flooding

## EVALUATION OF STRUCTURAL STABILITY

### SECTION 6

#### 6.1 VISUAL OBSERVATIONS

The visual observations did not disclose any immediate stability problems. However, leakage at the inoperable sluice gate, trees growing on the upstream and downstream faces, erosion and oversteepening of the upstream face, potential slumping along the upstream face, and potential seepage along the toe of the downstream face could affect the long-term performance of the dam.

#### 6.2 DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION DATA

No information was available concerning the type of soil in the earth embankment and foundation conditions. Thus the evaluation of stability is based solely on visual inspection.

#### 6.3 POST CONSTRUCTION CHANGES

No information is available regarding post-construction changes.

#### 6.4 SEISMIC STABILITY

The dam is located in Seismic Zone 2 and, in accordance with Phase 1 guidelines, does not warrant seismic analysis.



## ASSESSMENT, RECOMMENDATIONS, & REMEDIAL MEASURES

### SECTION 7

#### 7.1 DAM ASSESSMENT

##### a. CONDITION

On the basis of the visual inspection, the dam is judged to be in poor condition. The following conditions can affect the long term performance of the dam:

Trees and brush are growing on the upstream and downstream faces of the dam and along the crest. Tree stumps occur along the upstream edge of the crest and the downstream face. These features could contribute to seepage problems if one of the tree clusters blows over and pulls out its roots or if the roots rot.

The upstream face has been eroded and oversteepened by wave action; minor erosion and slumping are occurring at many points along the crest and upstream and downstream faces. One area along the crest, the area of the deep tire rut, has the appearance of being a back scarp for a possible large rotational slump of the upstream face. All of these factors may affect the long term stability of the slope.

Depressions which appear to be animal burrows were observed at several locations on the crest and downstream face. These could lead to seepage and piping if not properly backfilled with appropriate materials.

Seepage was observed flowing from the base of a 20 ft. section of wall near the mill structure, seepage may also be occurring along the toe of the downstream face as evidenced by wet spongy areas and ponding water. This suggests that the line of seepage through the dam may exit at or near the toe of the slope,

a condition which could lead to a piping failure of the embankment if the embankment soils are susceptible to piping.

Debris has accumulated on the natural spillway along the right side of the dam. This lowers the hydraulic capacity of the spillway.

The inoperable sluice gate and flume appeared to be leaking at the time of inspection, if not properly maintained and inspected the flume will provide a path along which interior erosion of the dam may take place.

b. ADEQUACY OF INFORMATION

The lack of in-depth engineering data did not allow for a definitive review. Therefore the condition of the dam is based on visual inspection.

c. URGENCY

The recommendations and remedial measures described below should be implemented by the Owner within one year after he receives this Phase 1 inspection report.

7.2 RECOMMENDATIONS

The following recommendations should be carried out under the supervision of a qualified, registered engineer:

1. Specify procedures for and oversee removal of all brush and trees along with their root systems growing on the dam.

Specify procedures for backfilling with proper materials.

2. Design erosion protection measures for the upstream face and oversee the construction of the erosion protection.

3. Investigate the sources of water for the wet spots and seepage along the toe of the dam and determine the potential effects of seepage on the stability of the dam.

4. Investigate the possibility of a rotational slump along the upstream slope and design remedial measures if required.

5. Provide a means for draining the reservoir.

6. Investigate the need for the existing sluice gate and design repairs or a permanent plug for the flume as required.

### 7.3 REMEDIAL MEASURES

#### a. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES

1. The Owner should prevent brush and trees from growing on the embankment and within 20 ft. of the downstream face of the dam.

2. The natural spillway channel should be cleared and kept clear of debris.

3. Visual inspections should be performed monthly by the owners.

4. A technical inspection of the dam should be performed once a year by a qualified registered engineer.

5. Institute a formal downstream warning system to include monitoring the dam during extremely heavy rains and procedures for notifying downstream authorities in the event of an emergency.

6. Prepare and institute written maintenance procedures for the dam.

### 7.4 ALTERNATIVES

There are no practical alternatives to the above recommendations.

APPENDIX A

VISUAL CHECKLIST WITH COMMENTS

VISUAL INSPECTION CHECKLIST  
PARTY ORGANIZATION

PROJECT LEE POND DAM

DATE DECEMBER 11, 1980  
& DECEMBER 22, 1980  
WEATHER CLEAR, COLD  
W.S. EL. 344 U.S.  
323 D.S.

PARTY:

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2. <u>Richard M. Baker</u>	Vollmer Associates Inc. - Hydrologist
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4. <u>Richard W. Turnbull</u>	Geotechnical Engineers Inc. - Geotechnical

<u>PROJECT FEATURE</u>	<u>INSPECTED BY</u>
1. Dam Embankment	ASEC, GEI
2. Dike Embankment	None observed
3. Outlet Works - Intake Channel Intake Structure	ASEC, GEI
4. Outlet Works - Control Tower	None observed
5. Outlet Works - Transition & Conduit	ASEC
6. Outlet Works - Outlet Structure & Outlet Channel	ASEC
7. Outlet Works - Spillway Weir, Approach & Discharge Channels	ASEC, GEI
8. Outlet Works - Service Bridge	none

# PERIODIC INSPECTION CHECKLIST

PROJECT LEE POND DAM DATE Dec. 22 & Dec. 10, 1980

PROJECT FEATURE see below NAME JFM, RFM, RWT

DISCIPLINE Civil Engineer, Geotechnical Engineer NAME \_\_\_\_\_

AREA EVALUATED	CONDITION
<u>DAM EMBANKMENT</u>	
Crest Elevation	348 NGVD
Current Pool Elevation	344 NGVD
Maximum Impoundment to Date	Unknown
Surface Cracks	None observed.
Pavement Condition	No pavement.
Movement or Settlement of Crest	Parts of crest irregular in shape with ruts and depressions.
Lateral Movement	None observed.
Vertical Alignment	Generally obscured by irregularities in upstream face due to wave action; believed to be good.
Horizontal Alignment	
Condition at Abutment and at Concrete Structures	Generally good; minor erosion at abandoned gatehouse structure.
Indications of Movement of Structural Items on Slopes	None.
Trespassing on Slopes	Recreation activity along dam, reservoir.
Sloughing or Erosion of Slopes or Abutments	Generally minor; potential for one large stump along crest, upstream face
Rock Slope Protection - Riprap Failures	Generally absent or sparse.
Unusual Movement or Cracking at or Near Toe	None observed.
Unusual Embankment or Downstream Seepage	Wet area along most of downstream toe; ponding has occurred; seepage observed from one section of wall downstream.
Piping or Boils	None observed.
Foundation Drainage Features	None observed.
Toe Drains	None observed.
Instrumentation System	None observed.
Vegetation	Brush, trees, and grasses of varying density along upstream and downstream faces, and edges of crest.

# PERIODIC INSPECTION CHECKLIST

PROJECT LEE POND DAM DATE Dec. 22, & Dec. 10, 1980  
 PROJECT FEATURE see below NAME --  
 DISCIPLINE -- NAME --

AREA EVALUATED	CONDITION
<u>DIKE EMBANKMENT</u> Crest Elevation Current Pool Elevation Maximum Impoundment to Date Surface Cracks Pavement Condition Movement or Settlement of Crest Lateral Movement Vertical Alignment Horizontal Alignment Condition at Abutment and at Concrete Structures Indications of Movement of Structural Items on Slopes Trespassing on Slopes Sloughing or Erosion of Slopes or Abutments Rock Slope Protection - Riprap Failures Unusual Movement or Cracking at or Near Toes Unusual Embankment or Downstream Seepage Piping or Boils Foundation Drainage Features Toe Drains Instrumentation System Vegetation	None.

# PERIODIC INSPECTION CHECKLIST

PROJECT LEE POND DAM DATE Dec. 22,  
Dec. 10, 1980

PROJECT FEATURE see below NAME JFM, RFM, RWT

DISCIPLINE Civil Engineer, Geotechnical Engineer NAME

AREA EVALUATED	CONDITION
<u>OUTLET WORKS - INTAKE CHANNEL AND INTAKE STRUCTURE</u> a. Approach Channel Slope Conditions Bottom Conditions Rock Slides or Falls Log Boom Debris Condition of Concrete Lining Drains or Weep Holes b. Intake Structure Condition of Concrete Stop Logs and Slots	Abandoned gatehouse.  Under water, therefore not observed. Under water, therefore not observed. Under water, therefore not observed. None N/A N/A None observed. Intake structure abandoned and inoperable Stone masonry wingwalls on both sides deteriorated, Gate inoperable outlet appears to be plugged Poor condition



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PERIODIC INSPECTION CHECKLIST			
PROJECT	LEE POND DAM	DATE	Dec. 22 & Dec. 10, 1980
PROJECT FEATURE	see below	NAME	--
DISCIPLINE	--	NAME	--

AREA EVALUATED	CONDITION
<u>OUTLET WORKS - CONTROL TOWER</u>  a. Concrete and Structural  General Condition  Condition of Joints  Spalling  Visible Reinforcing  Rusting or Staining of Concrete  Any Seepage or Efflorescence  Joint Alignment  Unusual Seepage or Leaks in Gate Chamber  Cracks  Rusting or Corrosion of Steel  b. Mechanical and Electrical  Air Vents  Float Wells  Crane Hoist  Elevator  Hydraulic System  Service Gates  Emergency Gates  Lightning Protection System  Emergency Power System  Wiring and Lighting System	None.

## PERIODIC INSPECTION CHECKLIST

PROJECT LEE POND DAM DATE Dec. 22 & Dec. 10, 1980  
 PROJECT FEATURE see below NAME JFM  
 DISCIPLINE Civil Engineer NAME \_\_\_\_\_

AREA EVALUATED	CONDITION
<u>OUTLET WORKS - TRANSITION AND CONDUIT</u>  General Condition of Concrete Rust or Staining on Concrete Spalling Erosion or Cavitation Cracking Alignment of Monoliths Alignment of Joints Numbering of Monoliths	Not observed  Abandoned masonry conduit travels through partially collapsed mill building and outlets downstream of the building. A flow estimated at 1 cfs + noted from the downstream end of the conduit.

PERIODIC INSPECTION CHECKLIST

PROJECT LEE POND DAM DATE Dec. 22  
Dec. 10, 1980

PROJECT FEATURE see below NAME JFM, RFM, RWT

DISCIPLINE Civil Engineer, Geotechnical Engineer NAME \_\_\_\_\_

AREA EVALUATED	CONDITION
<u>OUTLET WORKS - OUTLET STRUCTURE AND OUTLET CHANNEL</u>	Stone masonry conduit ends at collapsed portion of Mill building
General Condition of Concrete	N/A
Rust or Staining	N/A
Spalling	N/A
Erosion or Cavitation	N/A
Visible Reinforcing	N/A
Any Seepage or Efflorescence	N/A
Condition at Joints	N/A
Drain holes	None observed.
Channel	
Loose Rock or Trees Overhanging Channel	Channel obscured by brush and debris; water appears to flow out from mill structure, down waterfall into under- ground stone conduit.
Condition of Discharge Channel	

# PERIODIC INSPECTION CHECKLIST

PROJECT LEE POND DAM

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DISCIPLINE Civil engineer, Geotechnical Engineer

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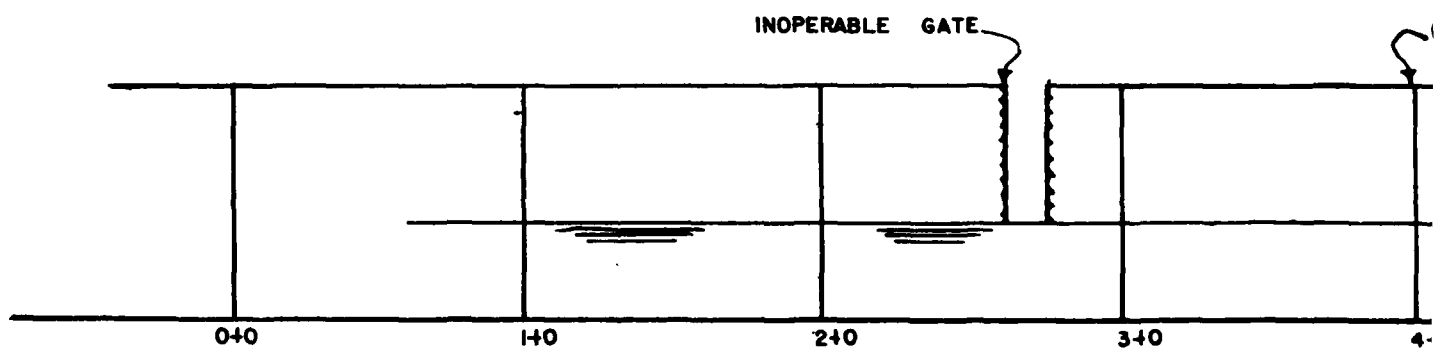
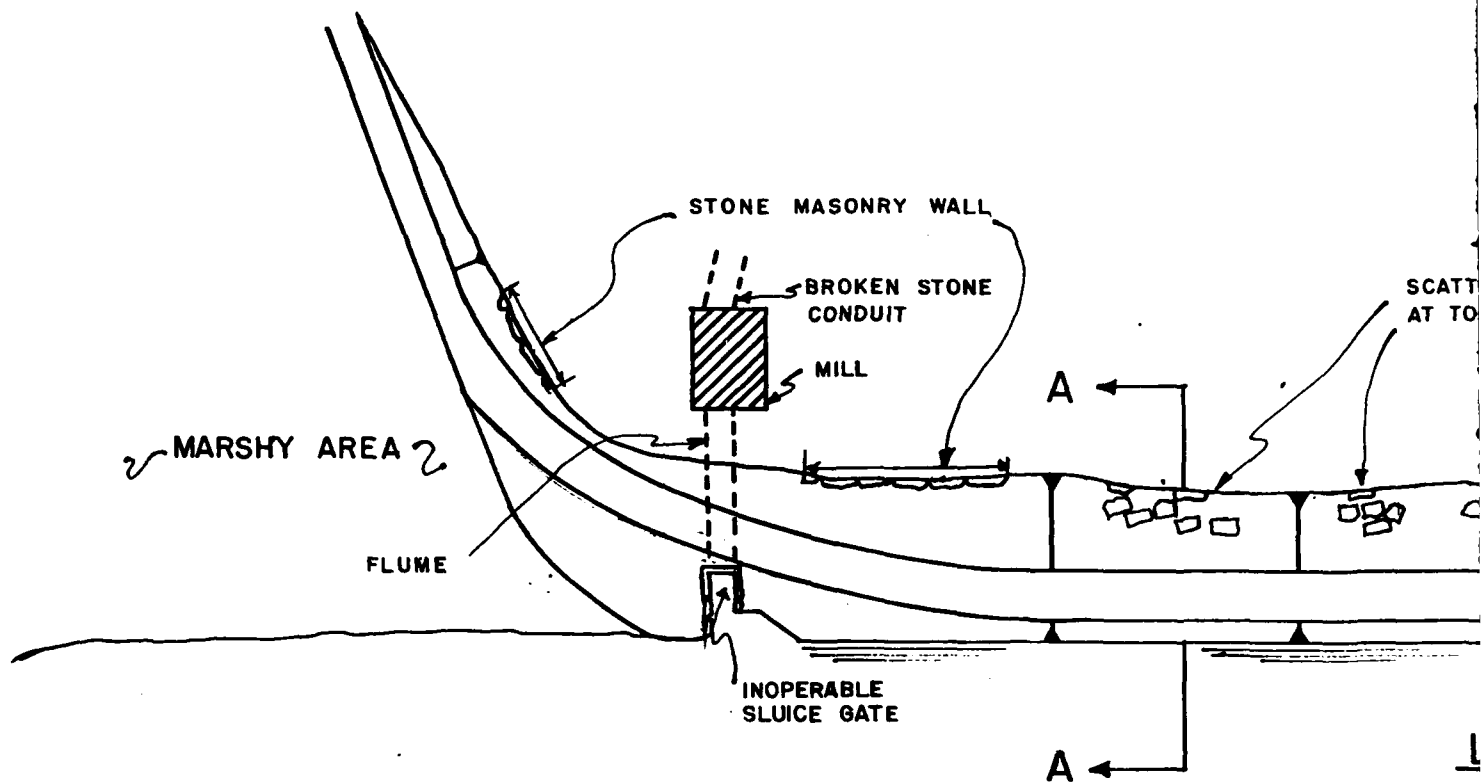
AREA EVALUATED	CONDITION
<u>OUTLET WORKS - SPILLWAY WEIR, APPROACH AND DISCHARGE CHANNELS</u>	
a. Approach Channel	
General Condition	Natural spillway channel.
Loose Rock Overhanging Channel	None.
Trees Overhanging Channel	Occasional.
Floor of Approach Channel	Natural rock and soil.
b. Weir and Training Walls	None - natural channel
General Condition of Concrete	
Rust or Staining	
Spalling	
Any Visible Reinforcing	
Any Seepage or Efflorescence	
Drain Holes	None.
c. Discharge Channel	
General Condition	Generally good, partially blocked.
Loose Rock Overhanging Channel	None observed.
Trees Overhanging Channel	Occasional.
Floor of Channel	Natural rock and soil.
Other Obstructions	
Other Comments	

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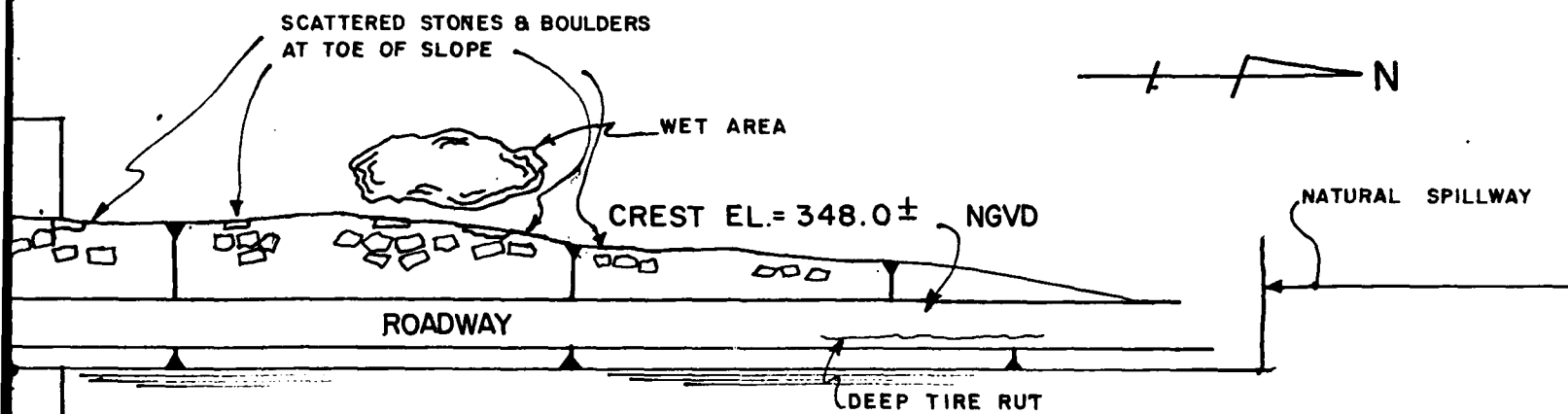
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 DISCIPLINE -- NAME ---

AREA EVALUATED	CONDITION
<p><u>OUTLET WORKS - SERVICE BRIDGE</u></p> <p>a. Super Structure</p> <p>Bearings</p> <p>Anchor Bolts</p> <p>Bridge Seat</p> <p>Longitudinal Members</p> <p>Underside of Deck</p> <p>Secondary Bracing</p> <p>Deck</p> <p>Drainage System</p> <p>Railings</p> <p>Expansion Joints</p> <p>Paint</p> <p>b. Abutment &amp; Piers</p> <p>General Condition of Concrete</p> <p>Alignment of Abutment</p> <p>Approach to Bridge</p> <p>Condition of Seat &amp; Backwall</p>	<p>None.</p>

APPENDIX B  
ENGINEERING DATA

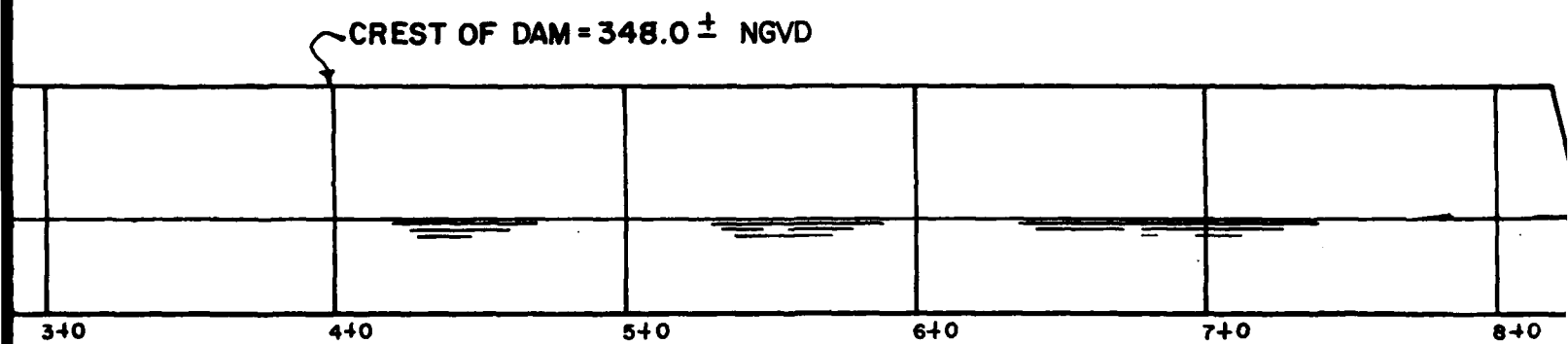


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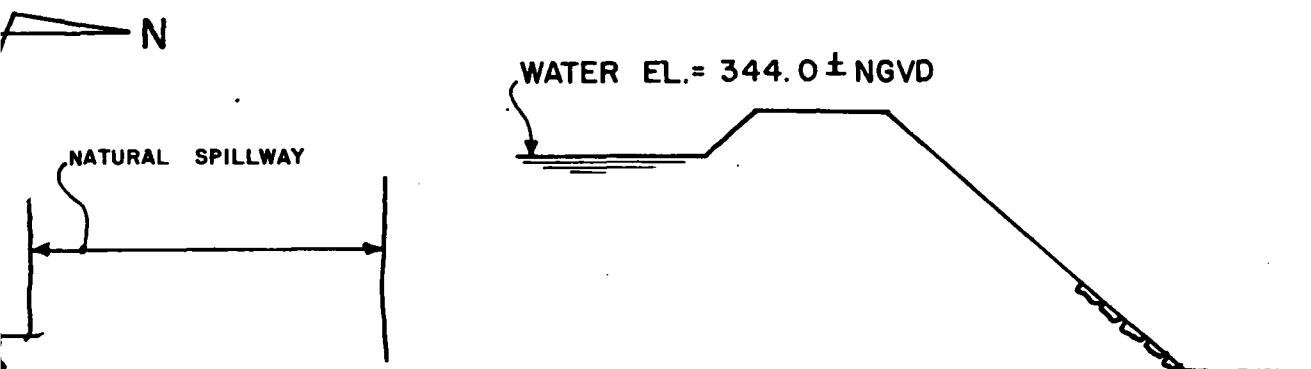
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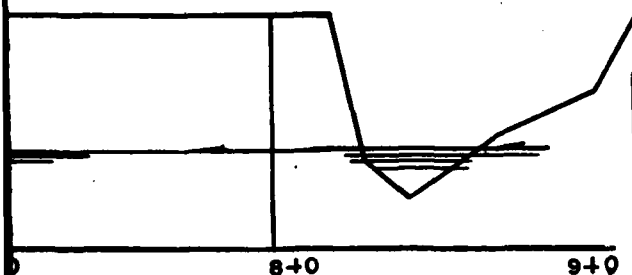
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SECTION A-A  
SCALE: 1"=20'



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LIST OF REFERENCES

REFERENCE	LOCATION
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2. Worcester County, Mass. Inspection of Dams, Reservoir Dams, & Reservoirs Dam # 53-10 Dated 3-26-24	County of Worcester, Mass.
3. Worcester County, Mass. Inspection of Dams, Reservoir Dams, & Reservoirs Dam # 53-10.1 Dated 3-26-39	County of Worcester, Mass.
4. Worcester County Engineering Dept. Dam Inspection Report Dam # 53-10 Dated May 14, 1963	County of Worcester, Mass.

**COUNTY OF WORCESTER MASSACHUSETTS**  
**COUNTY ENGINEER**

Inspection of Dams, Reservoir Dams, and Reservoirs.

Inspected by L.O. Marden Date 3-26-24 Dam No. 53-10

Town Uxbridge Location Scadden or Emerson Brook

Owner J.B. Farnum & Son Use Shoddy mill - power

Material and Type Earthen dam. - natural spillway in ledge.

Dam Designed by        Constructed by E.M. Lee Year 1880

**SPILLWAY - prob 50' natural.**

El. top Abutment 107.5 El. Crest 100 El. Apron        El. Streambed 70

Width top Abutment 17 Width top Crest        Width bottom Spillway       

Width Flashboards carried        Kind Flashboards       

El. Flowline Cleanout Pipe        Size and Kind Cleanout Pipe       

Kind of Foundation under Spillway ledge

Condition good cut out brush

**EMBANKMENT--LENGTH- 550' more or less.**

El. Top 107 El. Natural Ground        Width Top 17

Width of Bottom        Upstream Slope        Downstream Slope part stepped

Kind of Corewall        Riprap stone

Material in Embankment earth-clay Foundation rocky soil

Condition good

**GATES** Location north end dam

Size 36" iron to mill Kind iron pipe El. Flowline       

Condition good

**WHEEL** Kind Rodney Hunt Size 24" Rated H. P. 60

Location        Ave. Head 40

Evidence of Leaks in Structure none

Recent Repairs and Date cut off brush

Topography of Country below Dam rough-wooded

Nature of Buildings and Roads below Dam none, except back road

Number Acres in Pond        Drainage Area in Square Miles       

Discharge in Second Feet per Square Mile       

Estimated Storage Million Cubic Feet

# WORCESTER COUNTY ENGINEERS

Inspection of Dams, Reservoir Dams, and Reservoirs

Inspected by B.P. St. John & E.S.G. Date 3-2-54 Dam No. 53-10.1

Town UXBRIDGE Location UXBRIDGE BROOK

Owner J.B. Farnum Use Boilers

36 Exchange Place  
SPILLWAY 450'± PROV. R.F.

El. top abutment \_\_\_\_\_ El. Crest \_\_\_\_\_ El. Down \_\_\_\_\_ El. St. Bed \_\_\_\_\_

Width top Abut. \_\_\_\_\_ Width top Crest \_\_\_\_\_ Width bottom Sp. way \_\_\_\_\_

Width flashboards \_\_\_\_\_ Kind Flashboards \_\_\_\_\_

El. Flowline Cleanout Pipe \_\_\_\_\_ Size and Kind Pipe \_\_\_\_\_

Kind of Foundation under Spillway \_\_\_\_\_

Condition \_\_\_\_\_

EMBANKMENT 490'±

El. Top 100.00 El. Natural Ground 80.50 Width Top 15'

Width of Borrom 54.60 Upstream Slope \_\_\_\_\_ Downstream Slope \_\_\_\_\_

Kind of Corewall None Riprap None

Material in Embankment \_\_\_\_\_ Foundation \_\_\_\_\_

Condition \_\_\_\_\_

GATES / \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_

Size \_\_\_\_\_ Kind \_\_\_\_\_ El. Flowline \_\_\_\_\_

Condition \_\_\_\_\_

Evidence of Leaks in Structure \_\_\_\_\_

Recent Repairs and Date \_\_\_\_\_

Number Acres in Pond \_\_\_\_\_ Drainage Area in Sq. Miles \_\_\_\_\_

Discharge in Second Feet per Square Mile \_\_\_\_\_

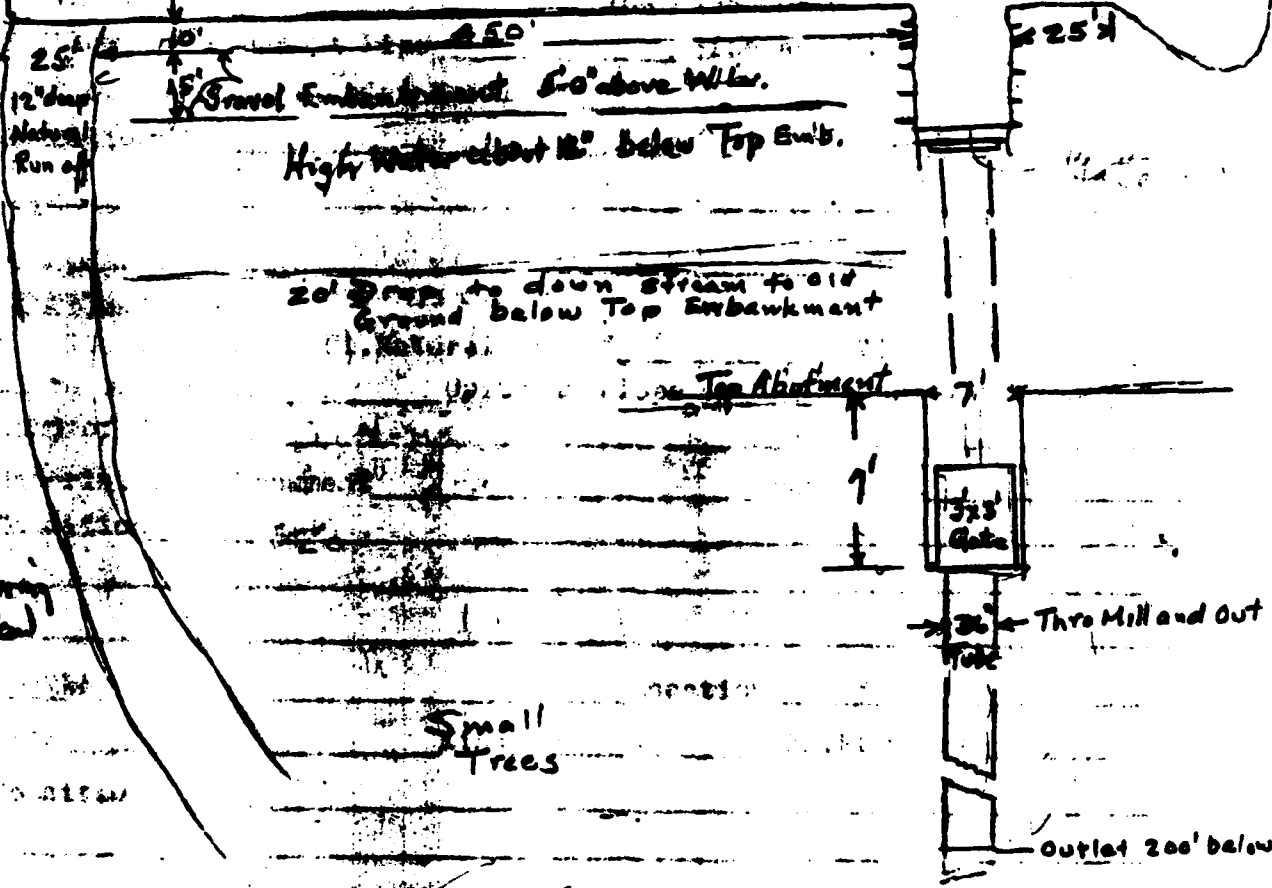
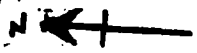
Estimated Storage Million Cubic Feet \_\_\_\_\_

5818.1

Mill

1 mile, Reservoir

in POND



Nat. Spring  
west of

Small  
Trees

3x5  
Gate

30' Thru Mill and Out

Outlet 200' below Mill

3' high

6' free board

gate 8' x 5' - 3 1/2 sq.

TOWN Uxbridge DAM NO. 53-10  
LOCATION S.W. side of Pond St. STREAM Emerson Brook

"Lee Pond."

WORCESTER COUNTY ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT  
WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS

DAM INSPECTION REPORT

Owned by \_\_\_\_\_ Place Uxbridge Use Mill Pond  
Inspected by WOL Date May 14, 1963  
Type of Dam Earth and Stone Condition Poor condition

SPILLWAY

Flashboards in Place No boards Recent Repairs None  
Condition Natural over flow spillway on southern end of dam, on ledge  
Repairs Needed width varies from 20' to 25'. Brush and debris should  
be cleared away from spillway.

EMBANKMENT

Recent Repairs Earth dam @ 20' wide on top - 30' height (Max). Downstream  
Condition slope is very steep (1 to 1). Upstream slope is paved and  
Repairs Needed is also very steep (abt. 1 to 1). Brush should be cleared  
from Embankment. Old Mill Bldg, below dam, is abandoned.

GATES

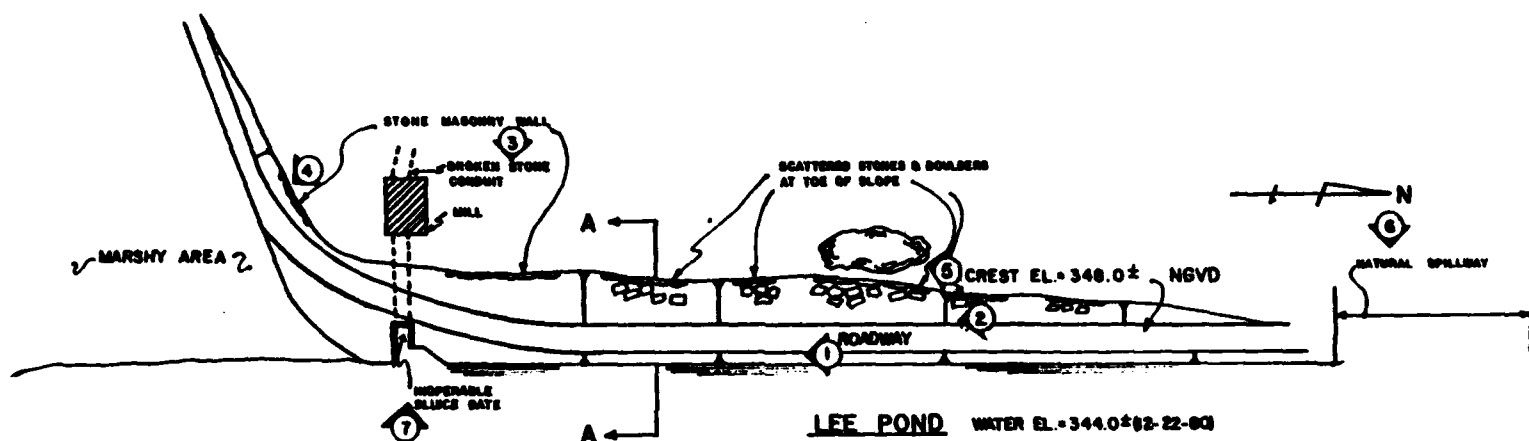
Recent Repairs Poor condition - not used for many yrs - probably inoperable.  
Condition Gate inlet is clogged with debris. Stone abutment walls  
Repairs Needed have collapsed - additional fill and riprap is also required  
near gate. Gate outlet is also in poor condition.

LEAKS

How Serious Small leaks are visible below embankment slope.  
Small leak is visible also, at gate outlet.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ County Engineer

FIGURE 3



DENOTES PHOTO NUMBER  
AND DIRECTION IN WHICH  
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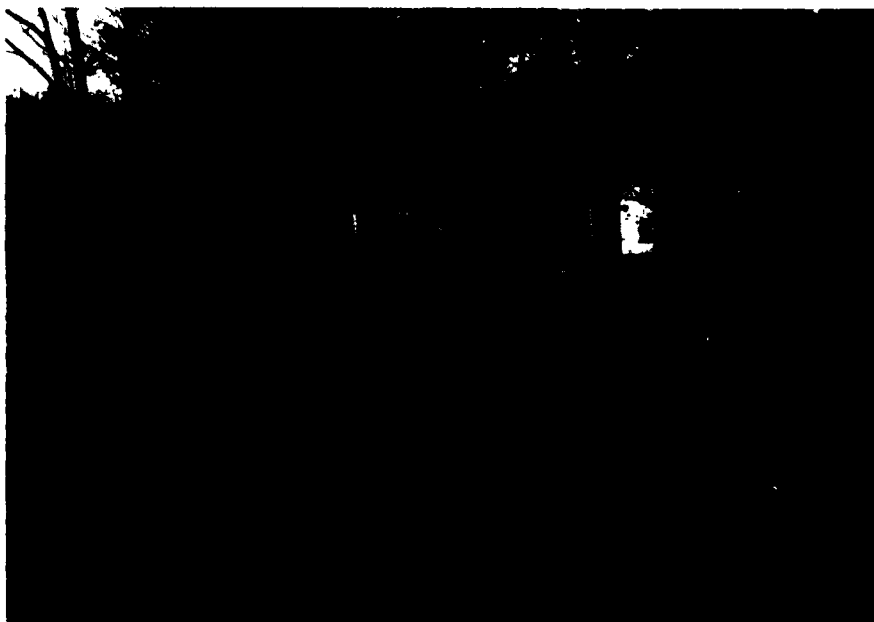


Photo # 1 Crest of dam (Rule extended 6 ft.)

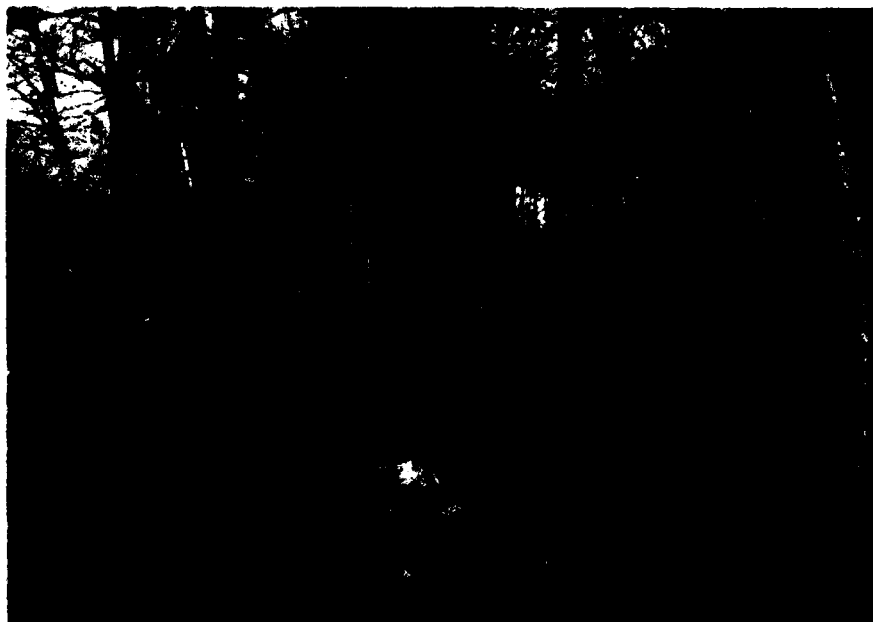


Photo # 2 Downstream face of dam

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Photo # 3 Vertical wall at downstream face of dam



Photo # 4 Seepage at base of downstream wall  
(Rule extended 5 ft.)

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Photo # 5 Wet and spongy area at downstream toe



Photo # 6 Natural stream at spillway, looking upstream  
(Approximately 10 ft. wide)

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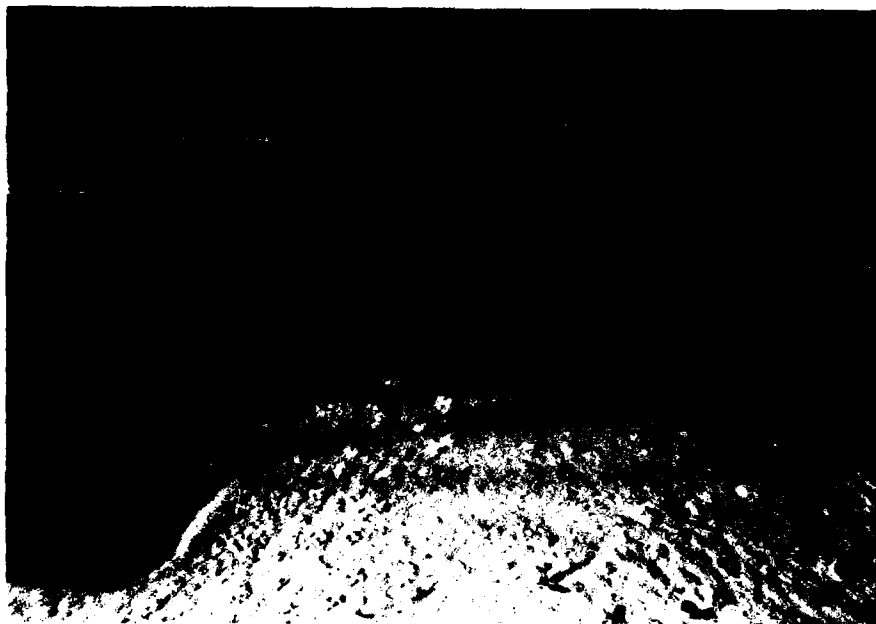


Photo # 7 Inoperable gate structure  
(Rod extended 5 ft. )

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**APPENDIX D**  
**HYDROLOGIC AND HYDRAULIC COMPUTATIONS**

LEE POND DAM  
UXBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

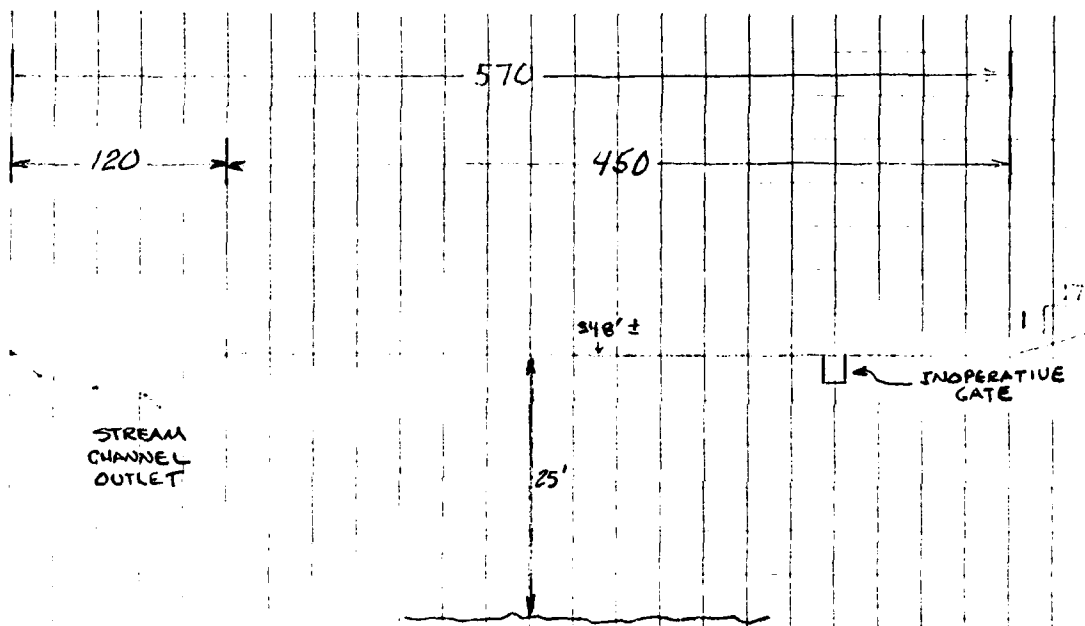
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Dam Rating Curve

A schematic sketch of the dam and outlet structures is shown in Figure 1. The sketch is based on a recent field inspection and survey of the site. This information was used in the hydrologic and hydraulic analysis of the dam.

The gate on the right side of the dam (looking u/s - Figure 1) controls flow through a sluiceway near an abandoned mill building on the site. At present, this gate is inoperative and outflow now passes over the left side of the dam in a natural stream channel outlet. This natural stream channel outlet is now the main outlet for Lee Pond.

The stage-discharge relationships for this outlet for Lee Pond were computed as part of the HEC-2 multiple profile analysis on the downstream impact area. The outlet is controlled by stream channel hydraulics not weir flow and has been modeled as such in the HEC-2 analysis. The stage-discharge curve for Lee Pond is shown on Graph 1.



LOOKING UPSTREAM  
SCHEMATIC OF  
LEE POND DAM

Figure 1

## DAM FAILURE ANALYSIS

### Dam Failure with Maximum Pool

Assume that the dam fails with the pool at maximum level, which corresponds to the elevation of the top of the embankment (348.0' NGVD). The gate near the old mill building is inoperative and all outflow passes over the right side of the dam (looking d/s) in a natural stream channel. The channel is located along the west ridge of the floodplain valley in a swale which runs down to the main floodplain farther down stream. The top of the dam embankment is 25' above the floodplain valley at the toe of the dam embankment. The stream channel outlet invert is approximately 19' above the floodplain valley at the toe of the dam embankment.

### Normal Outflow at Failure

$Q = 3419$  CFS (dam rating at maximum pool - 348.0' NGVD - Graph 1).

### Tailwater Level at Failure

Cross-sections located throughout the downstream impact area were coded and input into a HEC-2 multiple profile run using nine discharges covering the range of discharges expected during the dam failure analysis. Results were used to construct stage-discharge and stage-cross-section area curves for each cross section (see Graphs 2-9).

The following are locations of cross-sections used in the dam failure analysis:

<u>Distance D/S of Dam (FT)</u>	<u>Normal Water Level (FT-NGVD)</u>
50	341*
1059	310
2036	302.6
2359	300
3142	293.3
3542	290
5213	275
5686	269.5

\* Approximate elevation of normal flow in stream channel along west ridge of floodplain valley.

Immediately preceding failure, the normal outflow at maximum pool of 3419 CFS results in an elevation of 343.9' NGVD at the section located 50' downstream of the pond. This is the flow in the stream channel in the swale along the west ridge of the floodplain valley. This flow is not included in the dam failure flow in the flood plain valley 50' downstream of the dam. It is, however, included in the section 1059' downstream of the dam as the outlet stream channel enters the floodplain valley above the section 1059 downstream of the dam.



### Breach Outflow

$$Q_{P_1} = 8/27 \times W_b \times \sqrt{g} \times Y_o^{1.5}$$

where:  $W_b$  = width of breach

$\leq 0.4 \times$  (width of dam at 1/2 height)

$\leq 0.4 \times 450$

use:  $W_b = 180'$

$Y_o$  = pool elevation - downstream invert = 25.0'

$$Q_{P_1} = 8/27 \times 180 \times \sqrt{32.2} \times 25^{1.5} = 37,830 \text{ CFS}$$

### Total Outflow

$$Q_{\text{total}} = 3,419 + 37,830 = 41,249 \text{ CFS}$$

The table below gives pre-failure, downstream stages resulting from entering each section's stage-discharge curve at a discharge of 3419 CFS (normal maximum pool outflow at failure).

<u>Section (FT D.S of dam)</u>	<u>Pre-Failure Stage (FT)</u>
50	343.9*
1059	319.2
2036	319.2
2359	305.2
3142	298.2
3542	293
5213	282.5
5686	274.3

\* Elevation of stream flow in channel along west ridge of floodplain valley.

### Impounding Capacities of Pond

Pool at top of dam (maximum - 348' NGVD)

Volume = 216 ACRE-FT

Pool at normal storage capacity (COE inventory)

Volume = 160 ACRE-FT

### Downstream Flooding

At 50' downstream of dam

Prior to failure

depth = 2.9' (flow in stream channel outlet)

After failure

depth =  $334.4' - 323' = 11.4'$  (Graph #2, floodplain valley only, with  $Q = 37,830$  CFS breach flow)

### Reach from 50' downstream to 1059' downstream of dam

To estimate peak dam break flow at a distance 1059' downstream of dam, we follow the COE "Rule of Thumb Guidance for Estimating Downstream Dam Failure Hydrographs."

Use stage-discharge and stage-cross-section area curves for sections 50' and 1059' downstream of dam (Graphs 2 and 3).

#### Storage volume in reach-versus-outflow

Assume channel and overbank storage of the flood wave is equal to the reach length times the average of the upstream post-failure flow area minus the upstream pre-failure flow area and the downstream post-failure flow area minus the downstream pre-failure flow area:

$$\text{Volume (Ft}^3) = \left[ \frac{((A_{p_1} - A_{n_1}) + (A_{p_1} - A_{n_2}))}{2} \right] \times L$$

where:  $A_{p_1}$  = post-failure u/s cross-sectional flow area ( $\text{Ft}^2$ )

$A_{n_1}$  = pre-failure u/s cross-sectional flow area ( $\text{Ft}^2$ )

$A_{p_2}$  = post-failure d/s cross-sectional flow area ( $\text{Ft}^2$ )

$A_{n_2}$  = pre-failure d/s cross-sectional flow area ( $\text{Ft}^2$ )

$L$  = reach length in feet

The attenuation of dam failure flow due to storage in the reach between 50' and 1059' d/s:

$$Q_2 = 3419 + Q_{p_1} \left( 1 - \frac{V_1}{S} \right) = 3419 + 37,830 \left( 1 - \frac{V_1}{216} \right)$$

where:  $V_1$  = volume of storage in reach, above pre-failure stage (ACRE-FEET)

$S$  = storage in reservoir before failure (ACRE-FEET)

$Q_{p_1}$  = breach outflow at upstream end of reach

$Q_2$  = total outflow at downstream end of reach after dam failure.

The attenuation of the peak dam failure flow at the downstream end of this reach is calculated on Graph #3. The low swampy floodplain valley in this reach reduces the peak failure flow to 25,515 CFS at the section 1059' d/s of the dam. The corresponding stage of 327.6' is 8.4' above pre-failure stage and 17.6' above normal stream level.

There is an old mill building, today apparantly used as a storage shed by a local resident, located on the dam embankment. This building would receive major damage. If occupied at the time of failure, there is a danger of loss of life. There are no other affected structures in this reach.

Between 1059' and 2036' d/s of the dam, the peak failure flow is attenuated to 19,297' CFS (Graph #4). The stage decreases only slightly however from 327.6' NGVD at 1059' to 325.0' NGVD at 2036' d/s of the dam. This is due to the backwater and ponding effects caused by Mill Street. There are no structures affected in this reach.

The peak failure flow is attenuated to 18379 CFS at 2359' d/s of the dam (Graph #5). The corresponding stage is 311.8' NGVD which is 6.6' above pre-failure stage and 11.8' above normal stream level. At about 2205 d/s of the dam, Mill Street crosses Emerson Brook with a stone arch culvert which causes the severe backwater upstream of the roadway embankment. This roadway is subject to overtopping and wash-out by the flood-wave. There are no structures affected in this reach.

Between 2359' and 3142' d/s of the dam the peak failure flow is attenuated to 16,701 CFS (Graph #6). The stage is reduced from 311.8' NGVD at 2359' to 302.0' NGVD at 3142 d/s of the dam. The stage of 302.0' NGVD is 3.8' above pre-failure stage and 8.7' above normal stream level. There are no structures affected in this reach.

Between 3142' and 3542' d/s of the dam, the floodplain widens near the confluence of Happy Hollow Brook. The failure flow is attenuated to 15,771 CFS with a corresponding stage of 296.7' NGVD (Graph #7). There is nothing affected in this reach.

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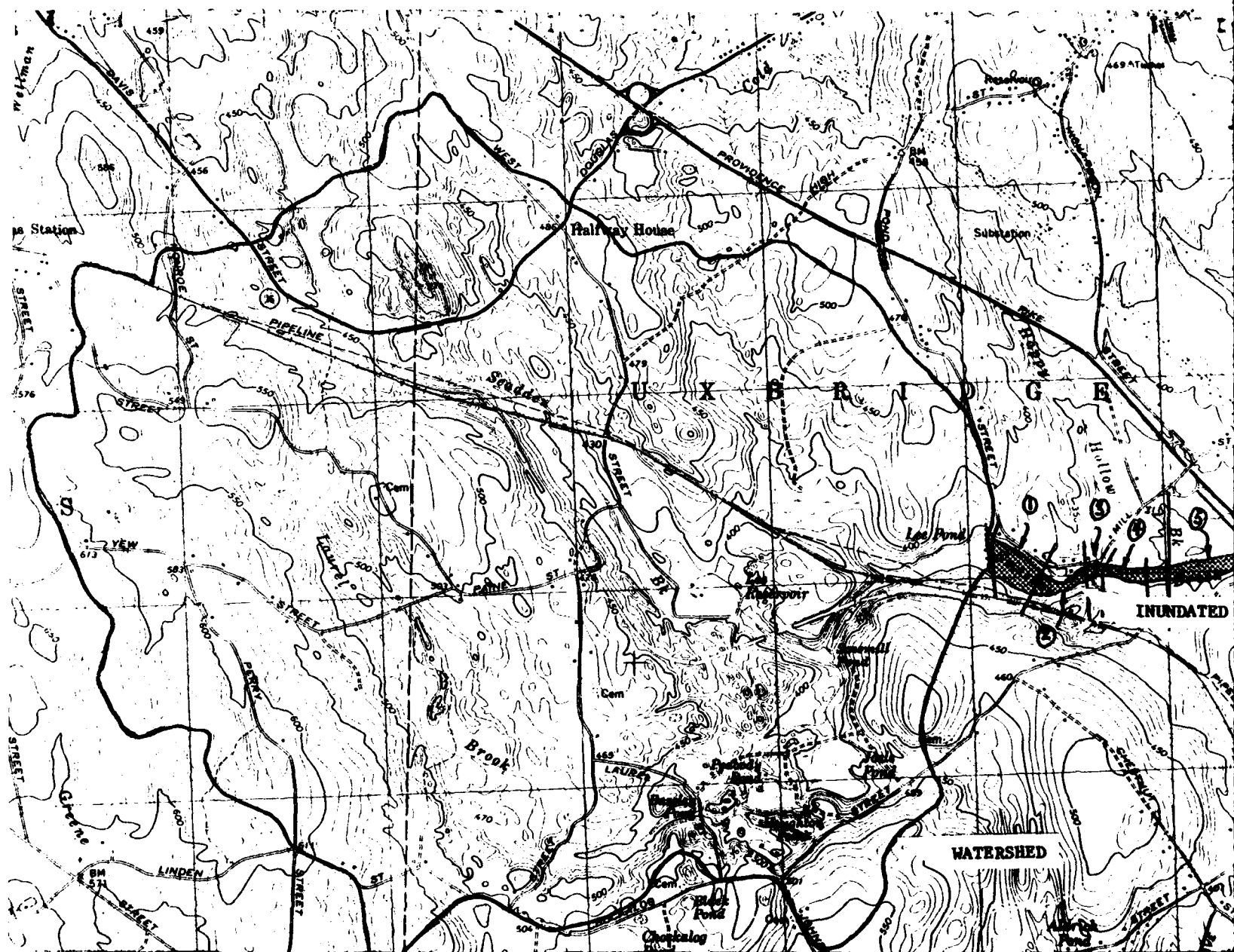
The peak failure flow is attenuated to 11236 CFS at 5213' d/s of the dam. This corresponds to a stage of 288.5' NGVD, which is 6.0' above pre-failure stage and 12.5' above normal stream level. The floodplain in this area just u/s of Route 146 is characterized by wide low swampy areas. There are no structures affected in this reach (Graph #8).

The peak failure flow is attenuated to 10738 CFS at 5686' d/s of the dam. This corresponds to a stage of 278.5' NGVD which is 4.2' above pre-failure stage and 9.0' above normal stage. Route 146 crosses Emerson Brook in this reach at about 5400' d/s of the dam. This roadway is subject to overtopping and possible wash-out by the flood wave. There are no structures affected in this reach (Graph #9).

Downstream of Route 146, Emerson Brook runs for approximately another mile to the Blackstone River. Damage to this downstream area would be minimal as there is little development in the floodplain. The flood wave would be totally attenuated by the natural floodplain storage before it reaches the Blackstone River.

The table below summarizes the downstream effects of failure of Lee Pond Dam:

Location No. (See Map)	Distance D/S of Dam (ft.)	Number of Structures	Level Above Stream (ft.)	Flow (cfs) Stage (ft. above stream)		Comments
				Before Failure	After Failure	
1	50	1 old mill building	4-5	3419/2.9'	37830/11.4'	Major damage to old mill building on dam embankment Minor danger of loss of
2	1059-	1 house	30	3419/9.2'	25515/17.6'	
3	2036-2359	road	15	3419/16.6'	18817/22.7'	Major damage. Probable wash out.
4	2359-	1 house	20	3419/5.2'	18379/11.8'	
5	3542-			3419/3.0'	15771/6.7'	
6	5213-5686	road	13	3419/5.4	11039/14.7'	Some damage. Possible wash-out.
	5686-			3419/4.8	10738/9.0'	



# WATERSHED PLAN / CROSS-SECTION LOCATIONS

LEE POND DAM  
 UXBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

UXBRIDGE QUADRA  
 1" = 2083.3'

SEC CORPORATION

## Test Flood Analysis

Size Classification: SMALL (storage greater than or equal to 50 and less than 1000 acre-feet; height 40')

Hazard Classification: SIGNIFICANT (based on chance of loss of a few lives and damage to the Mill building and some damage to Mill Street and Route 146.

According to COE "Recommended Guidelines" the size and hazard classifications of the dam indicate a test flood in the range of a 100 year flood and 1/2 PMF. Since the size of the dam is on the low end of the size classification, a 100 year flood was chosen for the test flood.

The U.S.G.S. Regional Equations for Eastern Massachusetts were applied to the drainage area above the dam to determine the 100 year peak discharge inflow to the pond.

Drainage area = 5.59 square miles

Main Channel Slope 59.5 ft./mile

$$Q_{100} = 53.86 \times A^{0.807} \times S^{1.0272}$$

$$Q_{100} = 656 \text{ CFS}$$

## Stage Storage Curve

The storage at normal pool elevation (344' NGVD from USGS quadrangle map) is approximately 160 acre-feet. The pond surface area at 344' NGVD is approximately 11 acres as measured from the USGS quadrangle map. The pond surface area at 48' NGVD, the dam crest elevation, is approximately 17 acres as measured from the USGS quadrangle map.

The storage is computed as follows:

$$\text{Surcharge Storage} = \frac{11 + 17}{2} \times h = 14 \times 4 = 56 \text{ acre-feet}$$

$$\text{Total Storage} = 160 + 56 = 216 \text{ acre-feet}$$

The stage-storage curve is given on Graph #10.



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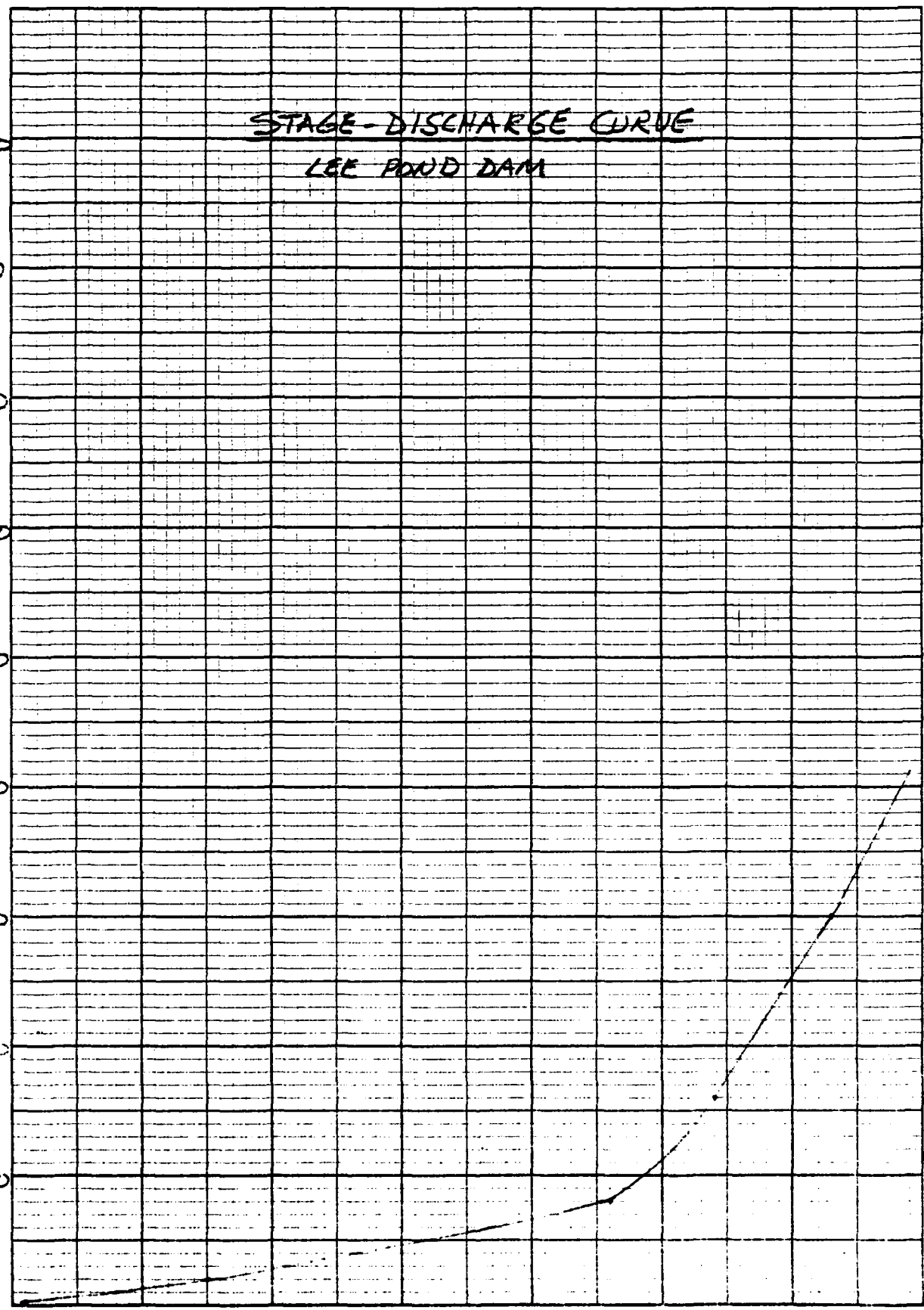
# STAGE-DISCHARGE CURVE LEE FORD DAM

DISCHARGE  
CFS

45000  
40000  
35000  
30000  
25000  
20000  
15000  
10000  
5000

ELEVATION (FT)

344 345 346 347 348 349 350 351

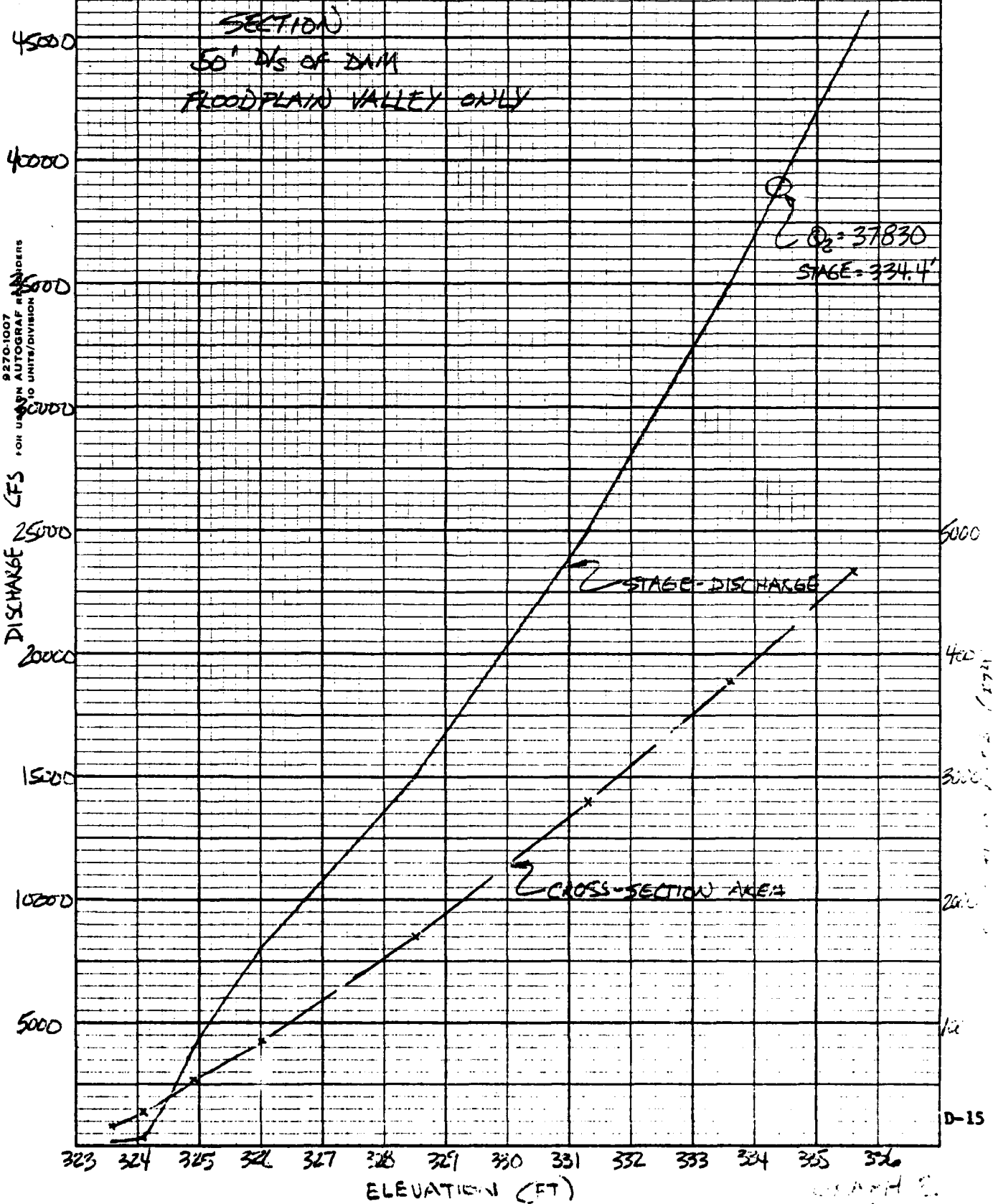


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CFS

SECTION  
1059' PK OF DAM

45000

40000

35000

30000

25000

20000

15000

10000

5000

305

310

315

320

325

330

335

ELEVATION (FT)

STAGE  
(FT)

AREA ABOVE  
FAILING STAGE (A)

AREA ABOVE  
FAILING STAGE (A)

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YD)

STAGE  
(FT)

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27020

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26087

3350

3350

86.6

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25133

3820

3820

92.0

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CROSS-SECTION  
AREA

STAGE-DISCHARGE

Q=25515

STAGE 321.6

3000

1000

600

500

400

300

200

100

0

AREA (A)

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GRAPH 2

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# SECTION 2036' P/S OF DAM

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DISCHARGE (FS)

STAGE (FT)	AREA ABOVE FINE- FALLING STAGE (SQ)	STORAGE VOL (ACRE FT)	CE (FEET)
323	11110	53.4	20054
324	1420	58.9	19699
325	1770	60.8	19297

45000

40000

35000

30000

25000

20000

15000

10000

5000

325

320

315

320

325

330

ELEVATION (FT)

CE = 19297  
STAGE 325.0'

CROSS-SECTION  
AREA

STAGE-DISCHARGE

GRAPH 4

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# SECTION 2359' $\Delta$ OF DAM

5000

4000

3500

3000

2500

2000

1500

1000

500

300

305

310

315

ELEVATION (FT)

STAGE (FT)	AREA ABOVE THE FAILURE STAGE (FT <sup>2</sup> )	STORAGE VOL (ACR <sup>3</sup> - FT <sup>3</sup> )	Q <sub>2</sub> (ACR)
310	1055	10.5	18327
311	1365	11.6	18443
312	1675	12.8	18558

STAGE - DISCHARGE

Q<sub>2</sub> 18379  
STAGE 311.8

CROSS-SECTIONAL AREA

4000

(FT)

3000

2000

1000

0

500

1000

1500

2000

2500

3000

3500

4000

4500

5000

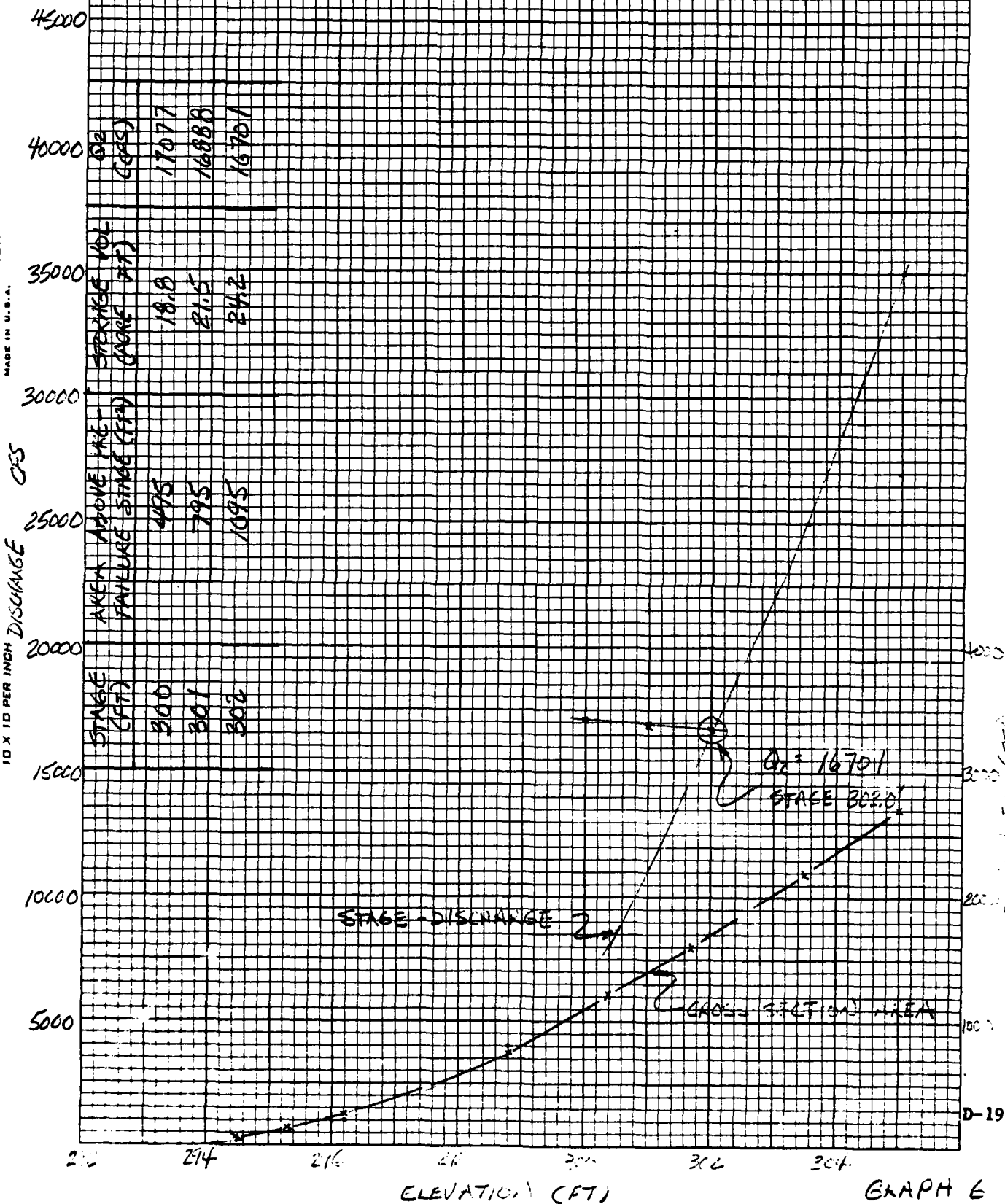
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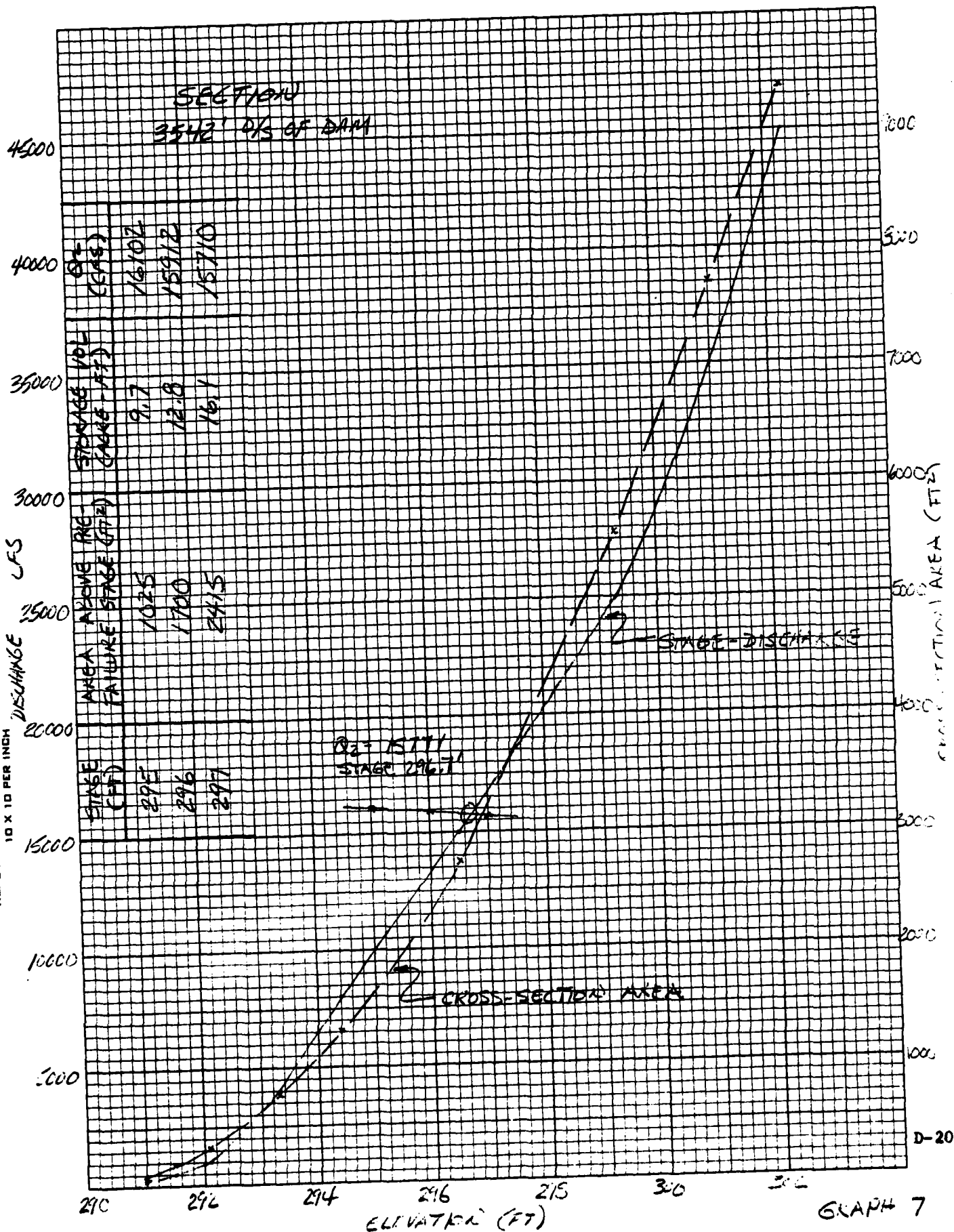
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GRAPH 5

SECTION  
3142' OF DAM







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SECTION  
5213' D/S OF DAM

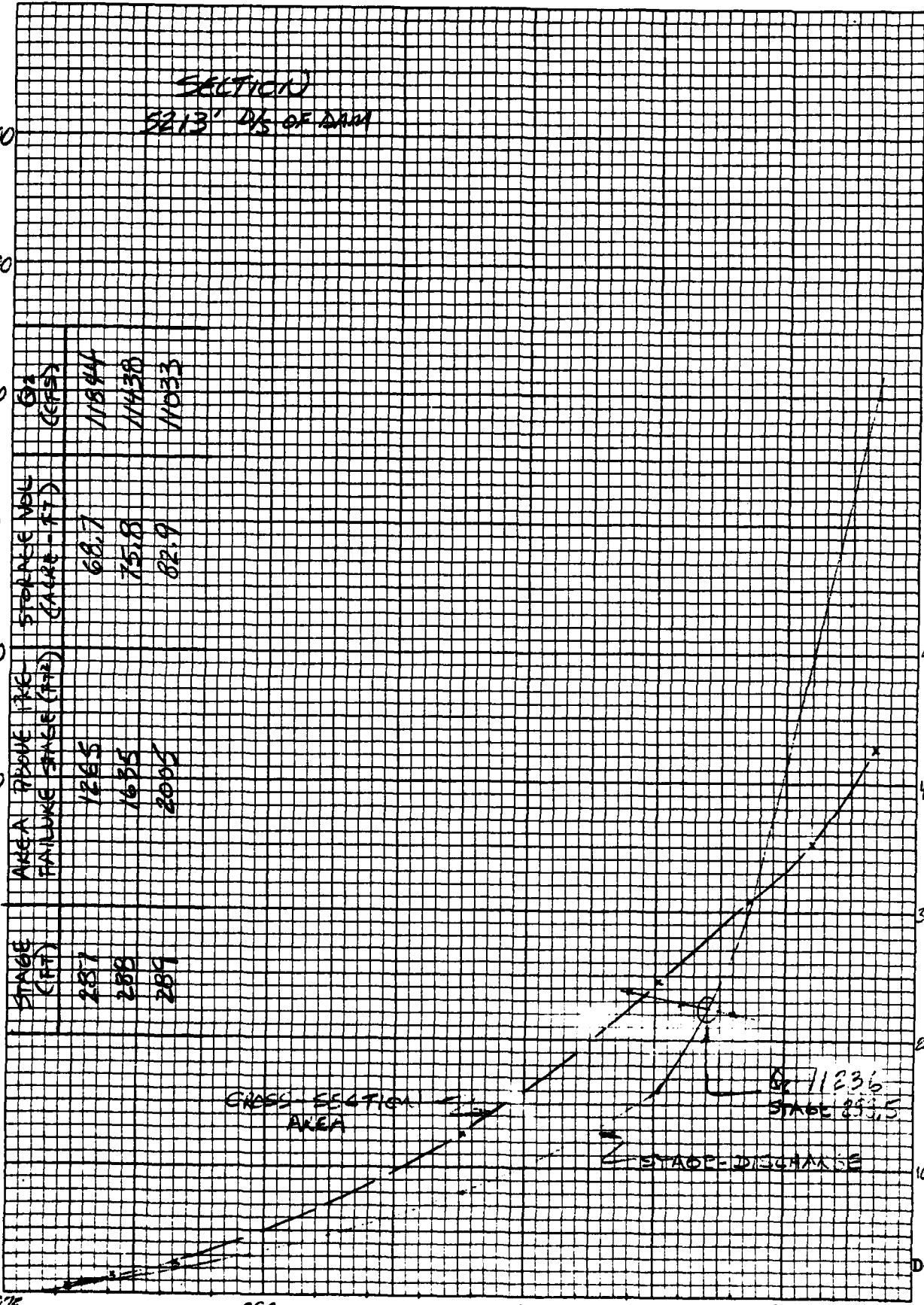
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ELEVATION (FT)

GRAPH 1

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SECTION  
5686' 2/3 OF DAM

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DISCHARGE CFS

STAGE (FT)	AREA ABOVE THE FAILURE STAGE (F <sup>2</sup> )	STORAGE (DOF GALLONS)	DOF (GALLONS)
277	440	12.3	10791
278	615	13.2	10758
279	810	14.3	10718

45000  
40000  
35000  
30000  
25000  
20000  
15000  
10000  
5000

270

275

280

285

ELEVATION (FT)

Q = 10738  
STAGE 278.5'

STAGE-DISCHARGE

CROSS-SECTION AREA

4000  
3000  
2000  
1000  
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GRAPH 9

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(FT)

STAGE

STAGE-SURCHARGE STORAGE  
CURVE  
LEE POND DAM

349

348

347

346

345

344

343

0

10

20

30

40

50

60

SURCHARGE STORAGE (ACRE-Feet)

GRAPH 10

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# STAGE-DISCHARGE CURVE

LEE POND DAM

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FOR USE WITH HP 41C AUTOGRAPH  
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45000

40000

35000

30000

25000

20000

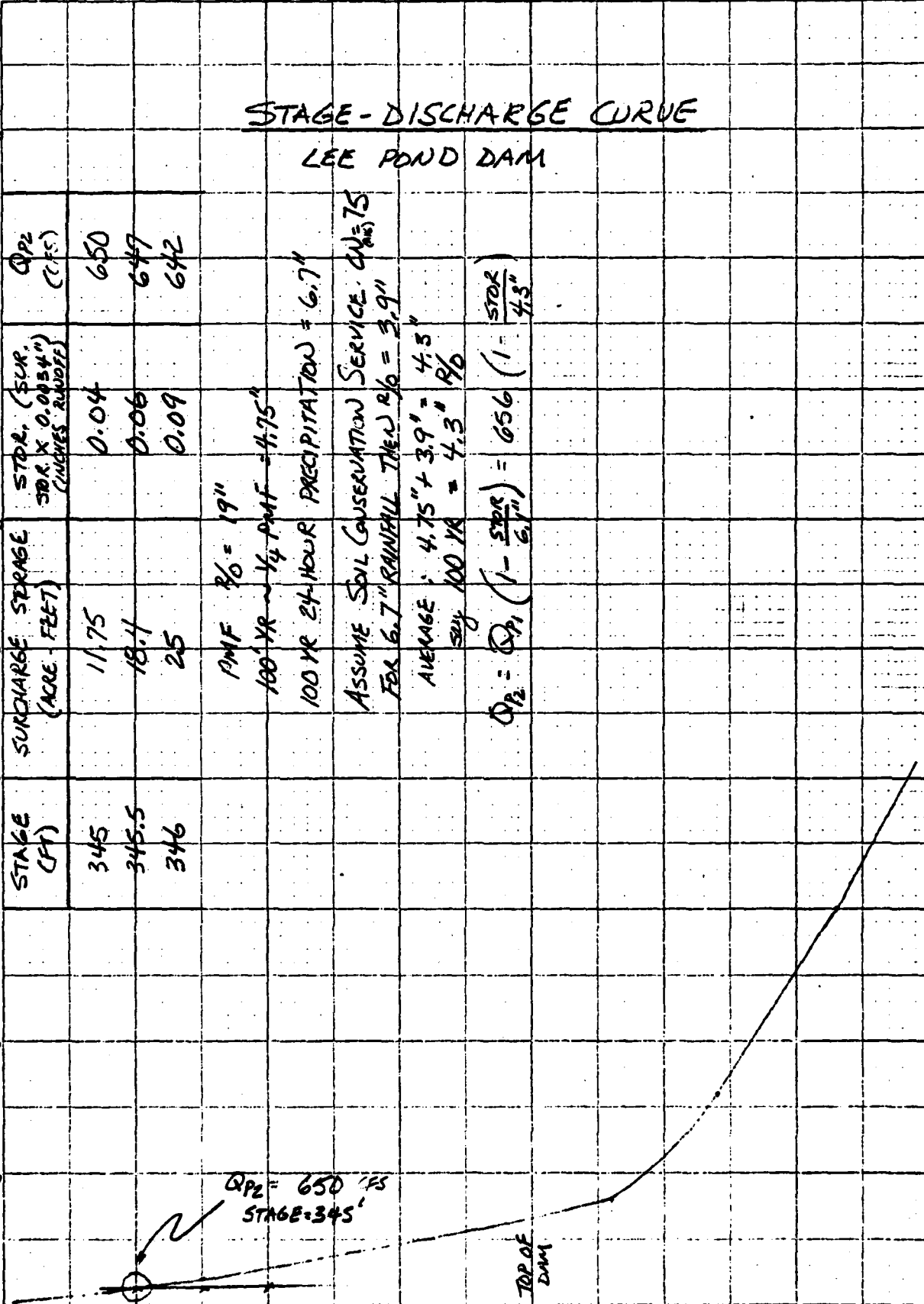
15000

10000

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DISCHARGE CFS



ELEVATION (FT)

GRAPH 11

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